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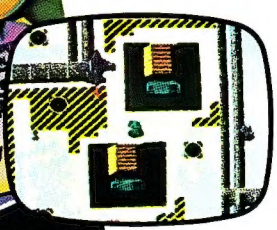

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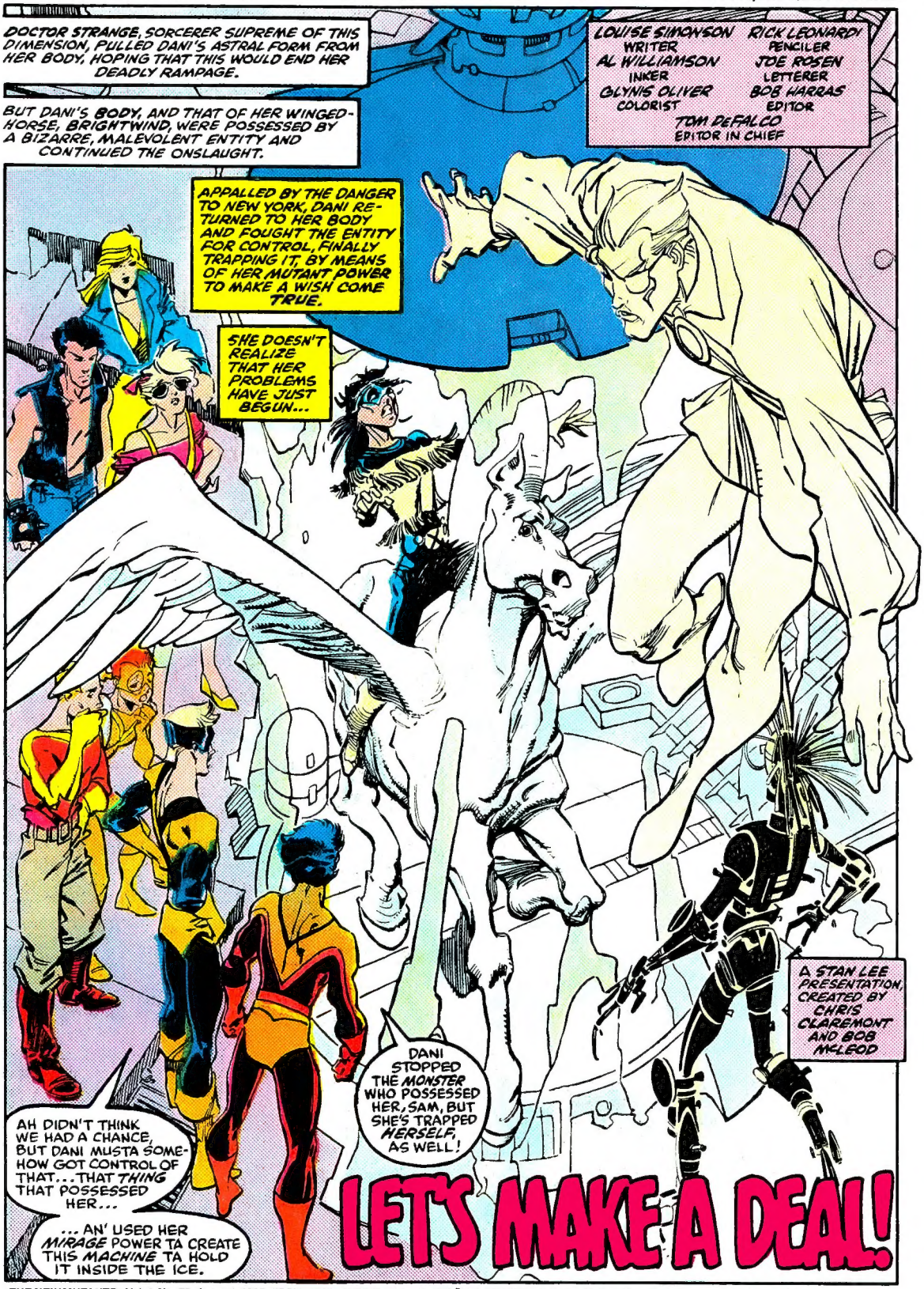
LAST ISSUE DANIELLE MOONSTAR BURST INTO ELDRITCH FLAME AND ATTACKED HER TEAM-MATES, THE NEW MUTANTS.



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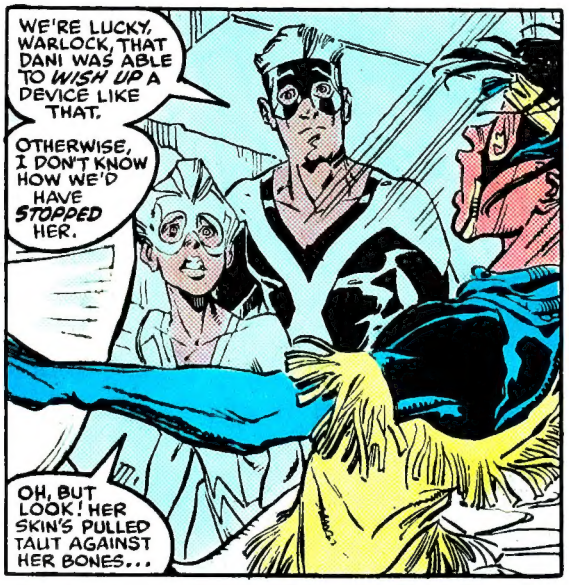
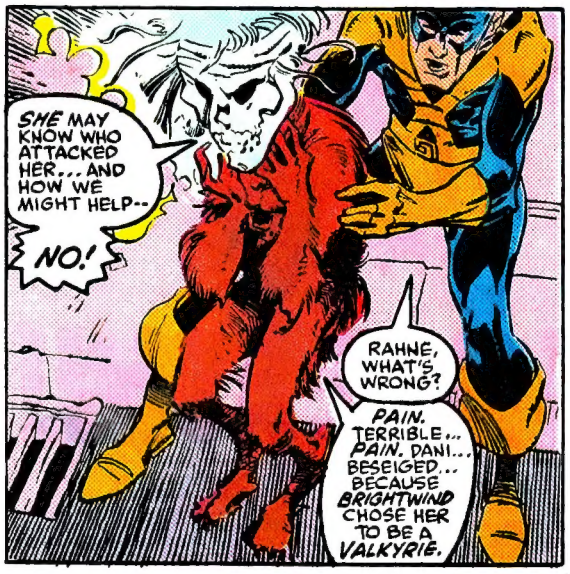
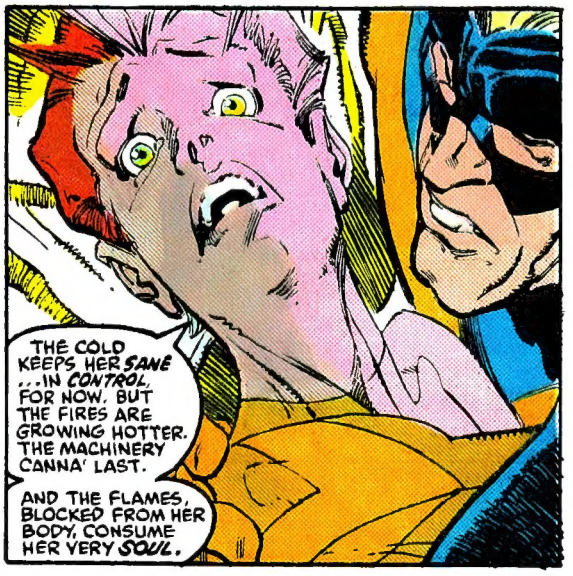
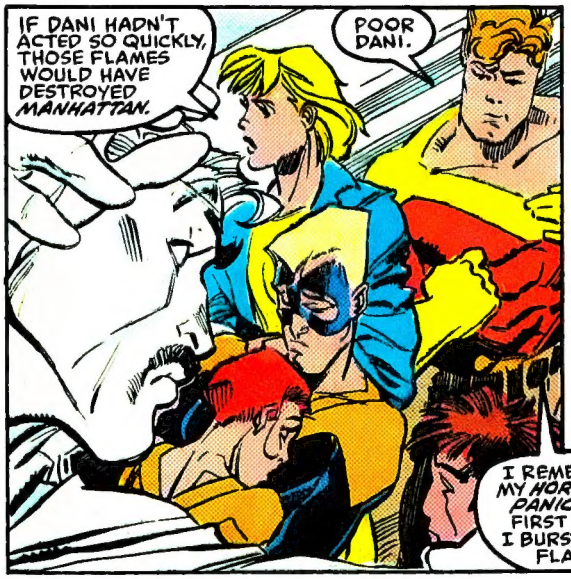
DOCTOR STRANGE, IN HIS INVISIBLE, ASTRAL FORM, CONTINUES TO MONITOR THE NEW MUTANTS, FOR HE SUSPECTS THAT BOTH DANI AND BRIGHTWIND ARE THE VICTIMS OF AN ASSAULT FROM THE OTHER-DIMENSIONAL WORLD OF ASGARD...
...THOUGH WHO IS RESPONSIBLE REMAINS A MATTER FOR CONJECTURE...
SENSORS INDICATE THAT, THOUGH FRIEND DANI STILL BURNS WITH WHITEHOT HEAT...
...MIRAGE MACHINE CONSTANTLY MANUFACTURES NEW ICE TO REPLACE THAT WHICH-MELTS.

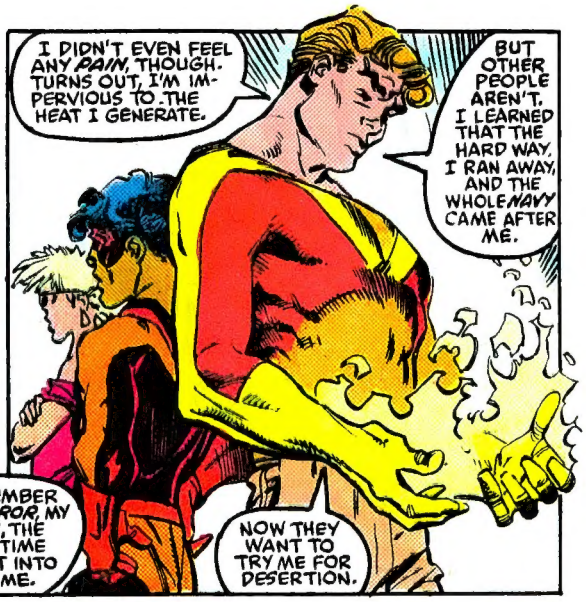

WE'RE LUCKY, WARLOCK, THAT DANI WAS ABLE TO WISH UP A DEVICE LIKE THAT.
OTHERWISE, I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'D HAVE STOPPED HER.
OH, BUT LOOK! HER SKIN'S PULLED TAUT AGAINST HER BONES...

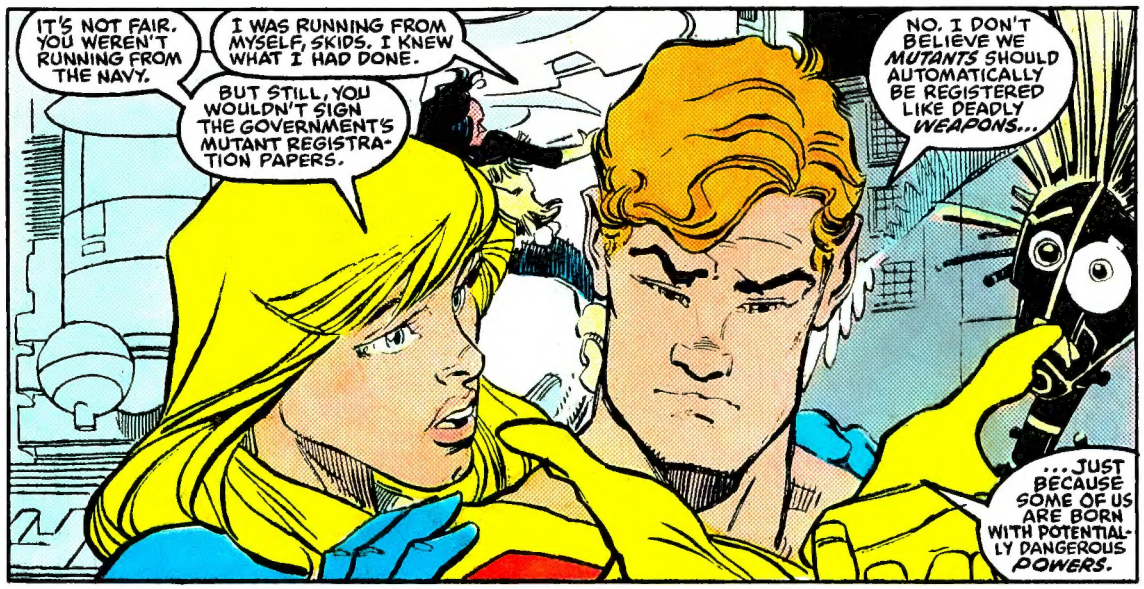
...AS IF THE FIRES HAVE BURNED AWAY THE FLESH BENEATH.
P'RHAPS IN MY WOLF FORM, I CAN REESTABLISH THE RAPPORT THAT DANI AND I SHARE!

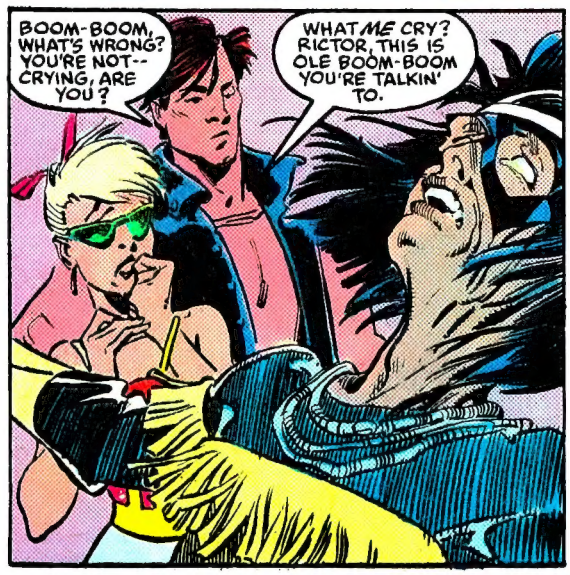

SHE MAY KNOW WHO ATTACKED HER... AND HOW WE MIGHT HELP--
NO!
RAHNE, WHAT'S WRONG?
PAIN. TERRIBLE... PAIN. DANI... BESEIGED... BECAUSE BRIGHTWIND CHOSE HER TO BE A VALKYRIE.

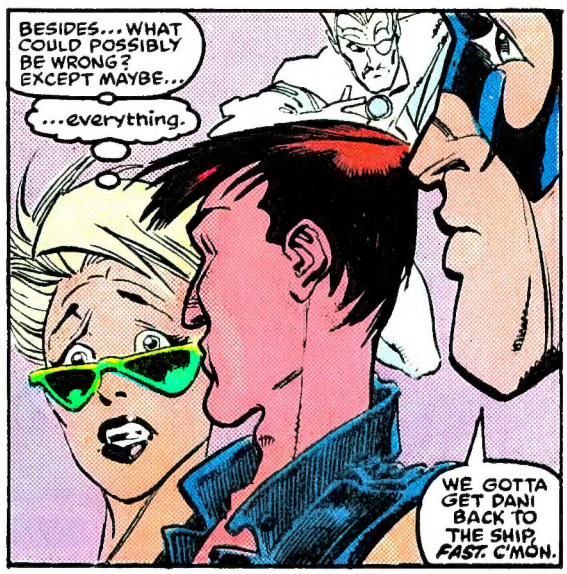

THE COLD KEEPS HER SANE ...IN CONTROL, FOR NOW. BUT THE FIRES ARE GROWING HOTTER. THE MACHINERY CANNA' LAST.
AND THE FLAMES, BLOCKED FROM HER BODY, CONSUME HER VERY SOUL.

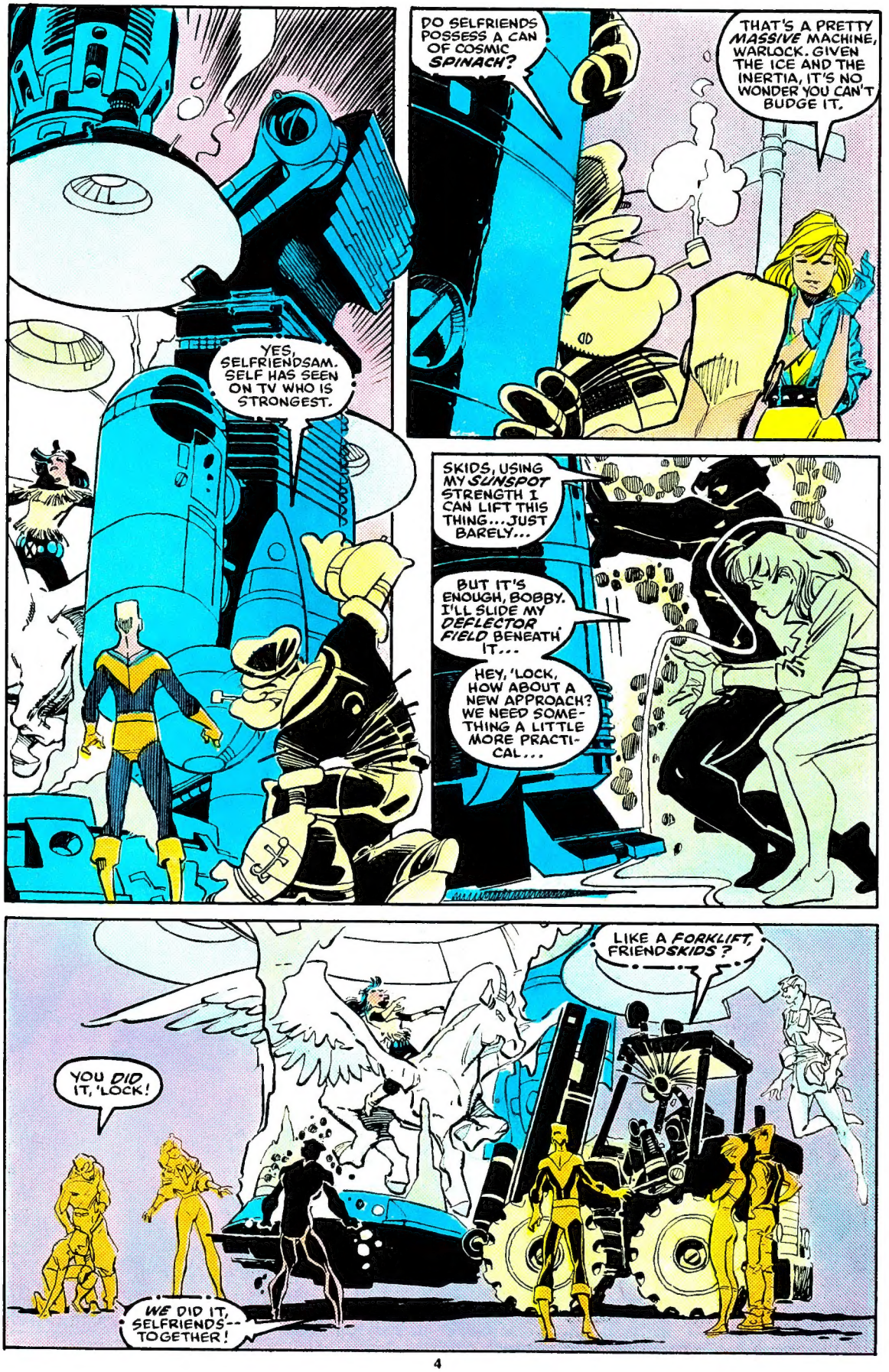

IF DANI HADN'T ACTED SO QUICKLY, THOSE FLAMES WOULD HAVE DESTROYED MANHATTAN.
POOR DANI.
I REMEMBER MY HORROR, MY PANIC, THE FIRST TIME I BURST INTO FLAME.


I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL ANY PAIN, THOUGH. TURNS OUT, I'M IMPERVIOUS TO THE HEAT I GENERATE.
BUT OTHER PEOPLE AREN'T. I LEARNED THAT THE HARD WAY. I RAN AWAY, AND THE WHOLE NAVY CAME AFTER ME.
NOW THEY WANT TO TRY ME FOR DESERTION.


IT'S NOT FAIR. YOU WEREN'T RUNNING FROM THE NAVY.
I WAS RUNNING FROM MYSELF, SKIDS. I KNEW WHAT I HAD DONE.
BUT STILL, YOU WOULDN'T SIGN THE GOVERNMENT'S MUTANT REGISTRATION PAPERS.
NO. I DON'T BELIEVE WE MUTANTS SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY BE REGISTERED LIKE DEADLY WEAPONS...
...JUST BECAUSE SOME OF US ARE BORN WITH POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS POWERS.


BOOM-BOOM, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE NOT-- CRYING, ARE YOU?
WHAT ME CRY? RICTOR, THIS IS OLE BOOM-BOOM YOU'RE TALKIN' TO.


BESIDES... WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WRONG? EXCEPT MAYBE...
...everything.
WE GOTTA GET DANI BACK TO THE SHIP, FAST. C'MON.


YES, SELFRIENDSAM. SELF HAS SEEN ON TV WHO IS STRONGEST.
DO SELFRIENDS POSSESS A CAN OF COSMIC SPINACH?
THAT'S A PRETTY MASSIVE MACHINE, WARLOCK. GIVEN THE ICE AND THE INERTIA, IT'S NO WONDER YOU CAN'T BUDGE IT.
SKIDS, USING MY SUNSPOT STRENGTH I CAN LIFT THIS THING...JUST BARELY...
BUT IT'S ENOUGH, BOBBY. I'LL SLIDE MY DEFLECTOR FIELD BENEATH IT...
HEY, 'LOCK, HOW ABOUT A NEW APPROACH? WE NEED SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE PRACTICAL...
LIKE A FORKLIFT, FRIENDSKIDS?
YOU DID IT, 'LOCK!
WE DID IT, SELFRIENDS--TOGETHER!

BUBBLE BOBBLE IS DINO-MIGHT!

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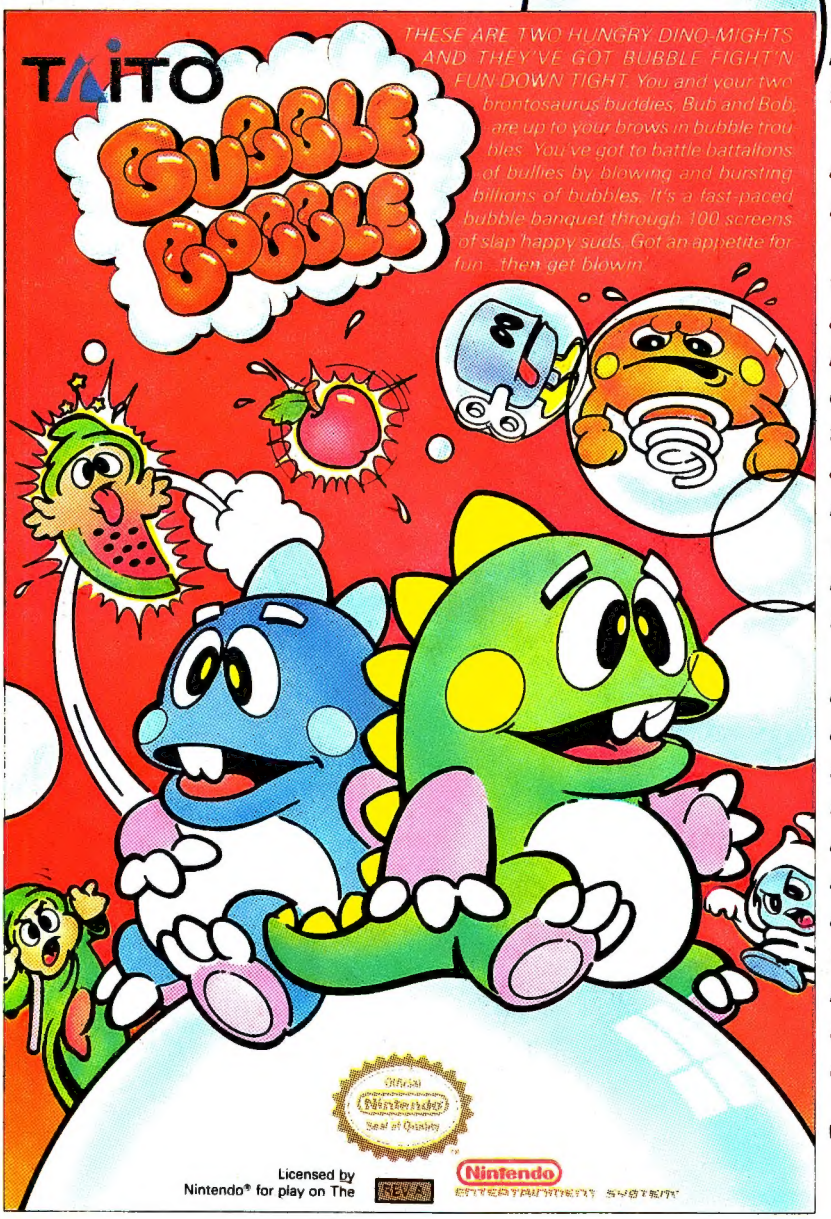

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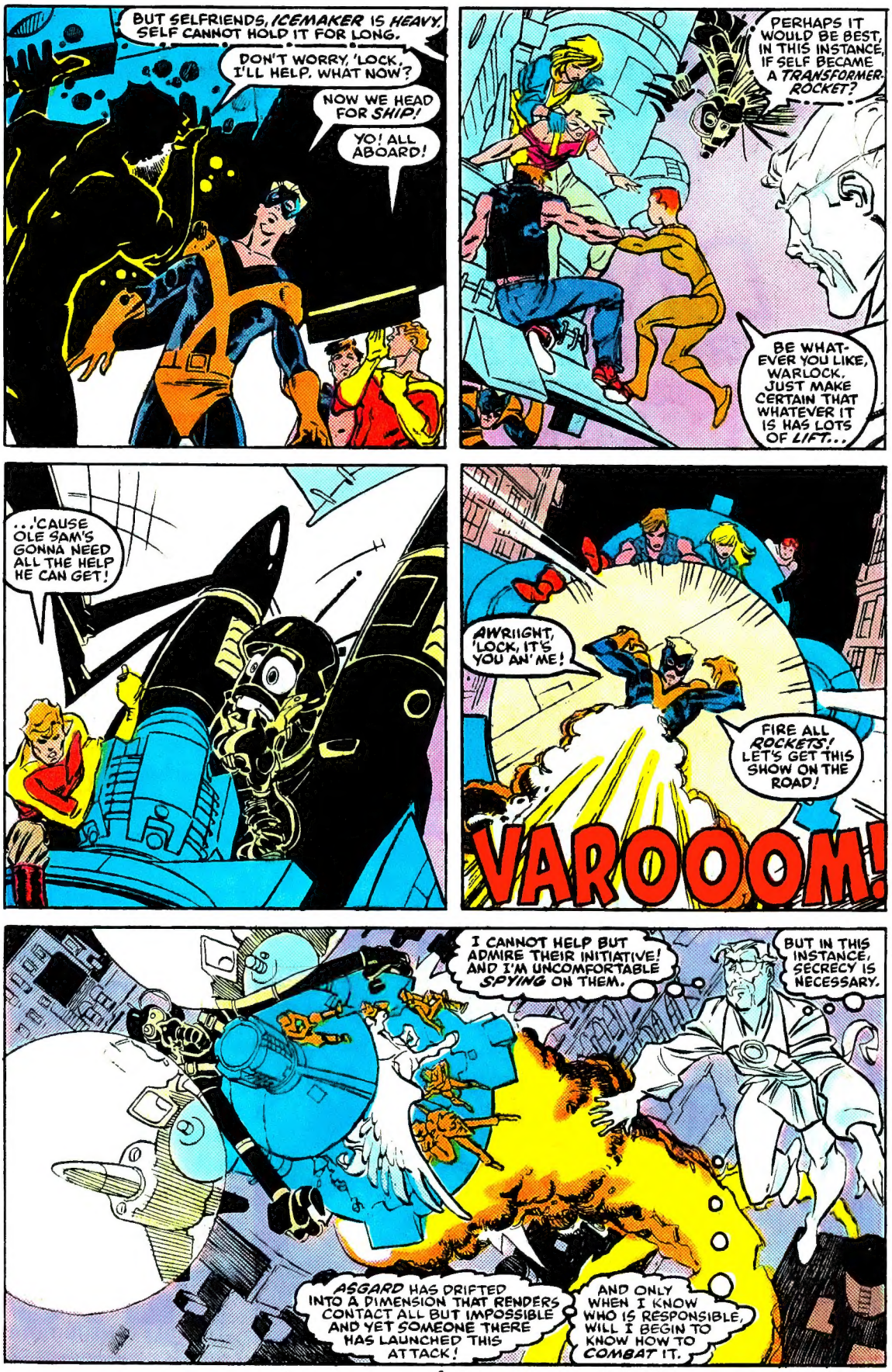
BUT SELFRIENDS, ICEMAKER IS HEAVY. SELF CANNOT HOLD IT FOR LONG.
DON'T WORRY, 'LOCK, I'LL HELP. WHAT NOW?
NOW WE HEAD FOR SHIP!
YO! ALL ABOARD!
PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST, IN THIS INSTANCE, IF SELF BECAME A TRANSFORMER ROCKET?
BE WHATEVER YOU LIKE, WARLOCK. JUST MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER IT IS HAS LOTS OF LIFT...
...'CAUSE OLE SAM'S GONNA NEED ALL THE HELP HE CAN GET!
AWRIIGHT, 'LOCK, IT'S YOU AN' ME!
FIRE ALL ROCKETS! LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
VAROOOM!
I CANNOT HELP BUT ADMIRE THEIR INITIATIVE! AND I'M UNCOMFORTABLE SPYING ON THEM.
BUT IN THIS INSTANCE, SECRECY IS NECESSARY.
ASGARD HAS DRIFTED INTO A DIMENSION THAT RENDERS CONTACT ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE AND YET SOMEONE THERE HAS LAUNCHED THIS ATTACK!
AND ONLY WHEN I KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE, WILL I BEGIN TO KNOW HOW TO COMBAT IT.

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THE MORTAL WAS RESOURCEFUL AND *BRAVE*, I'LL GIVE HER THAT. BY USE OF HER MUTANT POWER, SHE HATH THWARTED MY PLAN FOR *HER*...

...THOUGH THE *ASGARDIAN* VALKYRIES HAVE FINALLY CEASED TO RESIST MY MAGIC.

ALL ARE NOW ABED WITH RAGING FEVERS, AND SEVERAL HAVE MANIFESTED THE FLAME...

...TOO ILL... OR MAD... TO BE ABOUT THEIR APPOINTED TASK BRINGING *WARRIOR-SOULS* TO SWELL LORD ODIN'S ARMY.

WHEN THE SEEDS OF MY REVENGE WERE SOWN, I BELIEVED LORD ODIN LOST FOREVER.

NOW HE IS RETURNED, BUT THE COSMIC FLUX FROM THE *NEGATIVE ZONE** INTERFERES WITH THE *FULL SIGHT* OF ALL-SEEING ODIN.

HE KNOWS... HE *MUST* KNOW OF THE VALKYRIES' ILLNESSES, AND YET... THE *FATES*, THEMSELVES, DOTH CONSPIRE TO HIDE MY HAND IN THE CONSPIRACY.

IT IS *MEANT* THAT I SUCCEED.

*ASGARD ENTERED THE NEGATIVE ZONE IN *THOR* #404.--ALL-SEEING BOB

NEVER FEAR, YOUNG *HUMAN* VALKYRIE. YOU AND YOUR ASGARDIAN SISTERS WILL YET COME TO SERVE ME.

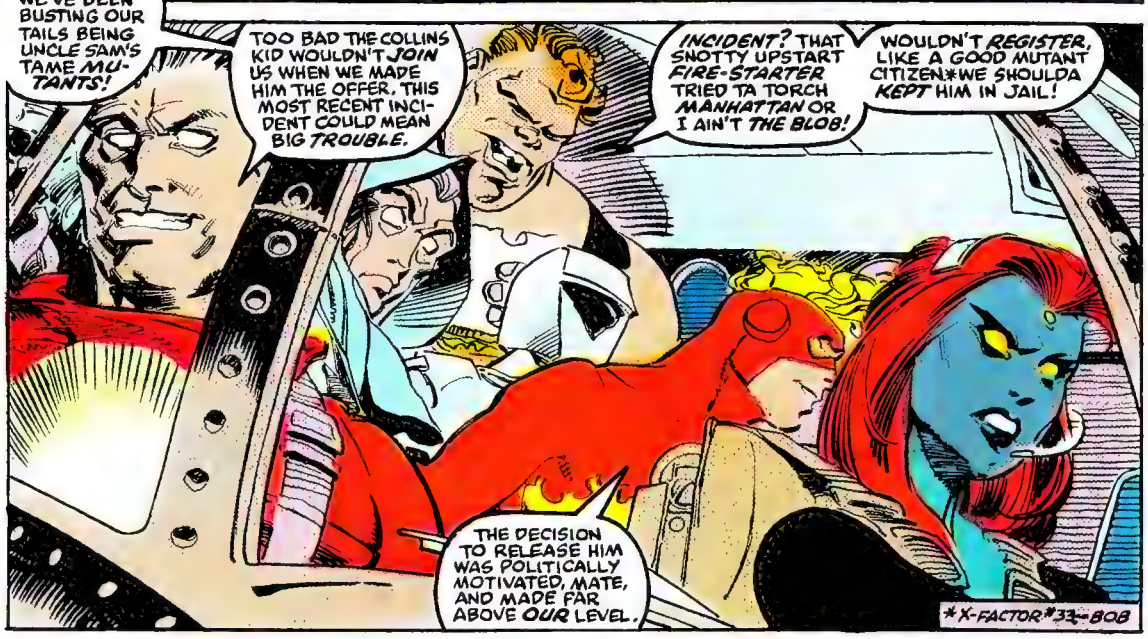
THOU SHALL SET MIDGARD* *ABLAZE* AND BRING ME *WARRIORS'* SOULS TO SWELL MY *ARMY OF THE DEAD.*

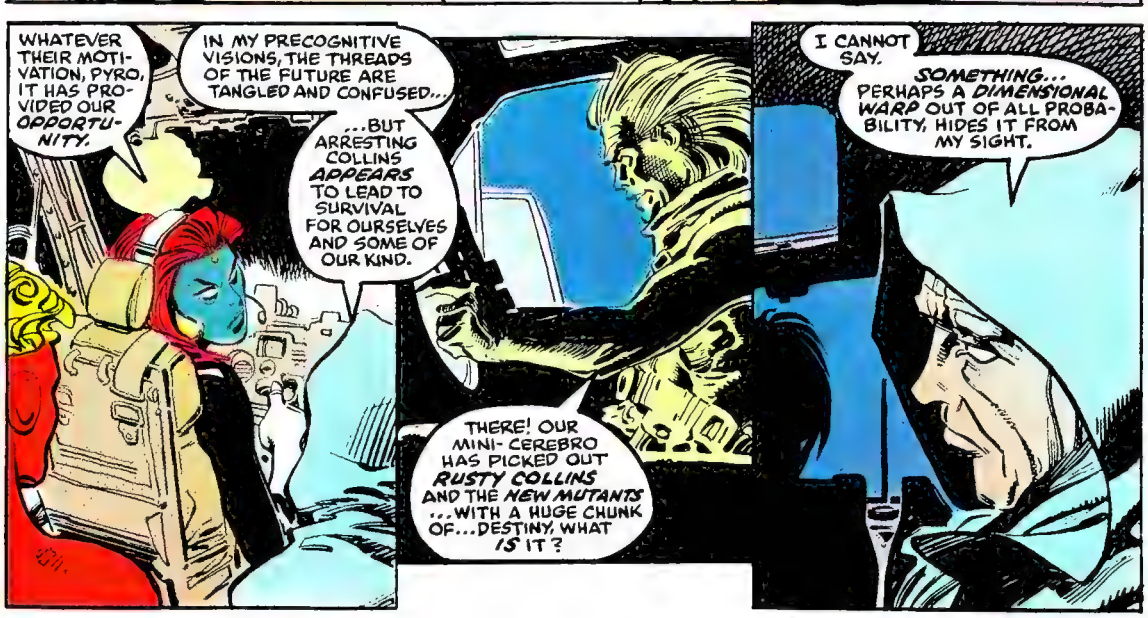
THEN SHALL *ASGARD* TREMBLE AT MY MIGHT, AND I WILL HAVE REVENGE UPON *THOR ODINSON!*

MY NEXT MOVE IS MOST CLEAR. MORTALS ARE E'ER EAGER TO COMPLAIN TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY WHEN THEIR LIFE OF UTTER COMPLACENCY IS SO RUDELY INTERRUPTED...

*EARTH.

"...I MUST SIMPLY INSURE THAT THE PROPER PRESSURE BE APPLIED WITH THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FORCE..."
DOES IT SEEM UNUSUAL, MYSTIQUE, THAT FREEDOM FORCE IS GETTING SO MUCH BUSINESS THESE DAYS?
ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD ALL MUTANT RELATED MATTERS TO US, COMMANDO.
THAT HEFTY BONUS WE RECEIVED IS PROOF OF YOUR PRESIDENT'S TRUST.


NICE TO BE APPRECIATED. WE'VE BEEN BUSTING OUR TAILS BEING UNCLE SAM'S TAME MUTANTS!
TOO BAD THE COLLINS KID WOULDN'T JOIN US WHEN WE MADE HIM THE OFFER. THIS MOST RECENT INCIDENT COULD MEAN BIG TROUBLE.
INCIDENT? THAT SNOTTY UPSTART FIRE-STARTER TRIED TA TORCH MANHATTAN OR I AIN'T THE BLOB!
WOULDN'T REGISTER, LIKE A GOOD MUTANT CITIZEN*WE SHOULDA KEPT HIM IN JAIL!
THE DECISION TO RELEASE HIM WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, MATE, AND MADE FAR ABOVE OUR LEVEL.
*X-FACTOR #33—BOB


WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVATION, PYRO, IT HAS PROVIDED OUR OPPORTUNITY.
IN MY PRECOGNITIVE VISIONS, THE THREADS OF THE FUTURE ARE TANGLED AND CONFUSED...
...BUT ARRESTING COLLINS APPEARS TO LEAD TO SURVIVAL FOR OURSELVES AND SOME OF OUR KIND.
THERE! OUR MINI-CEREBRO HAS PICKED OUT RUSTY COLLINS AND THE NEW MUTANTS ...WITH A HUGE CHUNK OF...DESTINY, WHAT IS IT?
I CANNOT SAY.
SOMETHING... PERHAPS A DIMENSIONAL WARP OUT OF ALL PROBABILITY, HIDES IT FROM MY SIGHT.

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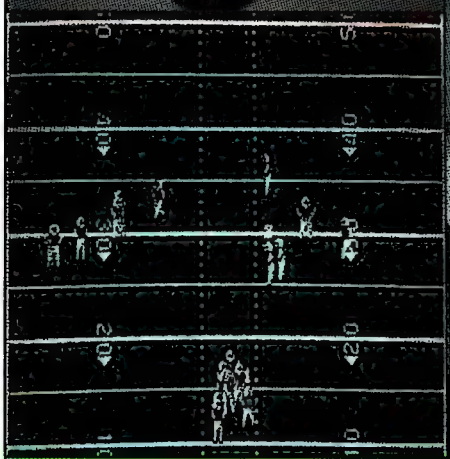

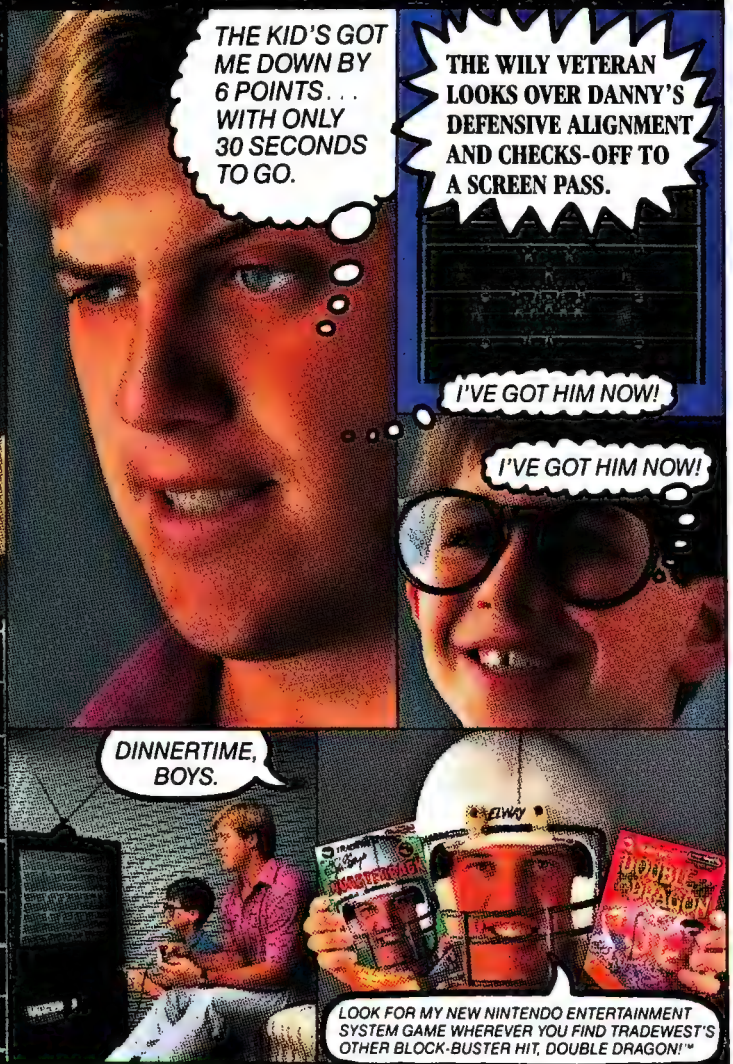

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"I KNOW ONLY THAT WE MUST TAKE THE COLLINS BOY."

"AND THE *OTHERS*, DESTINY?"

"FOR US, THEY ARE *IRRELEVANT*."

DO SELF'S *ROTOR BLADES* PROVIDE LIFT AND BALANCE, FRIENDCANNONBALL?

NOT ENOUGH, 'LOCK.

AH DIDN'T FIGURE THAT *ICE* WOULD BE THIS *HEAVY!*

FOOM!

FOOM!

THIS IS *FREEDOM FORCE*. WE HAVE A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF *RUSTY COLLINS* FOR RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK.

WHUP whup WHUP whup

NOT NOW... OF *ALL* TIMES!

WHAT *FOR*?

HE HASN'T *DONE* ANYTHING!

YO, COLLINS. THIS IS YER OLD PAL, THE *BLOB*! YOU BROKE FURLOUGH AN' WE'RE TAKIN' YA *IN*!

THIS IS LOSING US TIME, GUYS...

...WHEN WE SHOULD BE THINKING OF DANI. MAYBE I SHOULD JUST SURRENDER.

NO. WE'LL KEEP GOING AND TRY *TALKING* TO THEM FOR A CHANGE.

RUSTY DIDN'T *DO* IT. WE'RE ALL *WITNESSES*. IT WAS *MIRAGE!* SHE HAD SOME KIND OF WEIRD ATTACK. THAT'S WHY SHE'S TRAPPED IN THE ICE.

WE'RE TRYING TO GET HER TO OUR *SHIP*. MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO *HELP*...?

I DARE NOT ASSIST THEM. THERE ARE *MYSTIC FORCES* AT PLAY HERE THAT I DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND...

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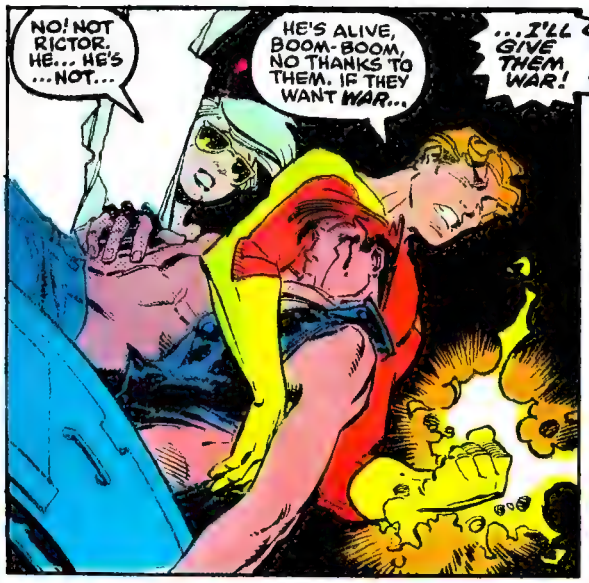
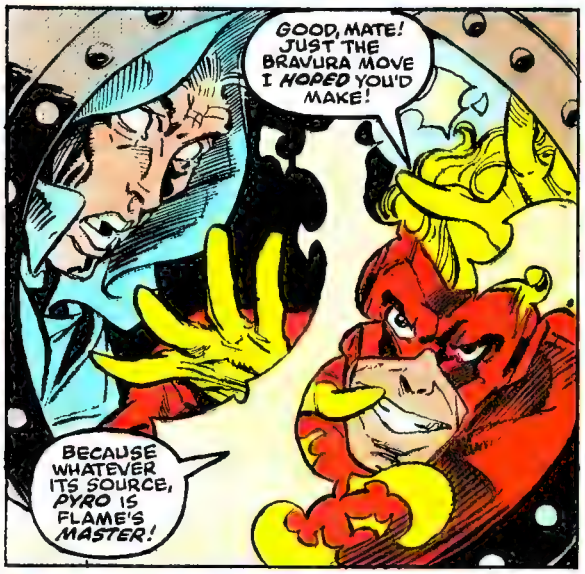
YOU HEAR THAT, MYSTIQUE? DO YOU BELIEVE THEM?
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I BELIEVE. OUR COURSE IS SET.
FIRE A WARNING SHOT, COMMANDO. THEY MUST UNDERSTAND THAT WE MEAN BUSINESS.
B-DOOM!
EXCLAMATION: THEY ARE FIRING AT SELFRIENDS!
SHAPE UP, 'LOCK! AH CAN'T BALANCE THIS THING ALONE!
WHY ARE WE TALKING TO THESE FOOLS, ANYWAY? THEY'RE NOT LISTENING.
YEAH, AND THERE'S NO REASON TO LET 'EM FIRE ON US WITHOUT REPRISAL.
THE BOY, RICTOR, IS GOING TO USE HIS VIBRO POWER AGAINST US. TAKE HIM OUT, QUICKLY, COMMANDO.
MY PLEASURE, DESTINY. PRECOGNITION IS SUCH A HANDY TOOL...
...ALMOST AS USEFUL AS A GUN! A GENTLE BLOW TO THE TEMPLE SHOULD DO NO MORE THAN STUN HIM.
WASTE NOT, WANT NOT. THAT'S MY MOTTO!
AARGH!
BLAM!
RICTOR!

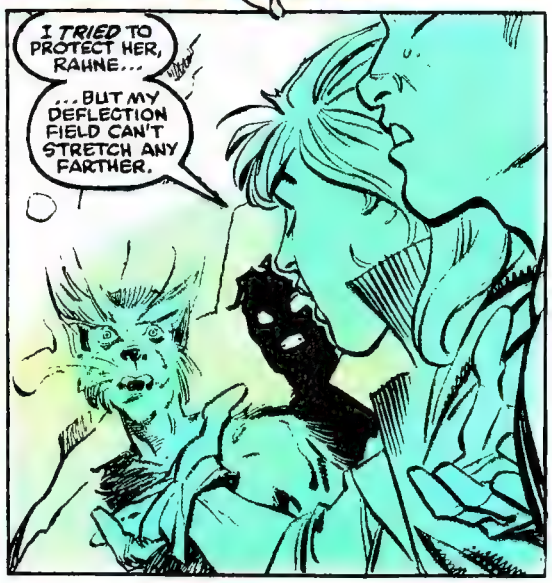

NO! NOT RICTOR. HE... HE'S ...NOT...
HE'S ALIVE, BOOM-BOOM, NO THANKS TO THEM. IF THEY WANT WAR...
...I'LL GIVE THEM WAR!

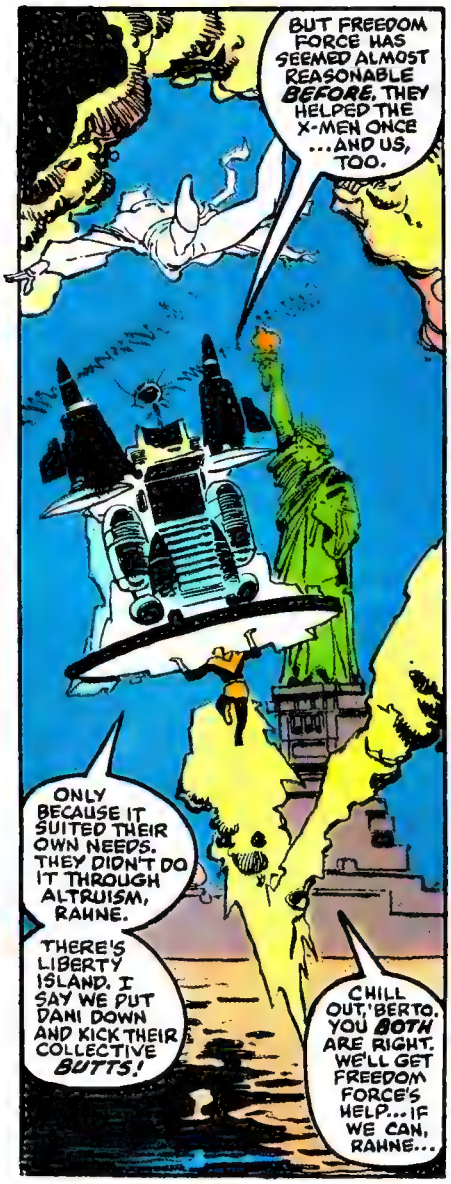
RUSTY, WHAT'RE YOU--?
I WON'T USE MY FLAME AGAINST PEOPLE, SAM, EVER AGAIN... BUT ROTOR BLADES ARE ANOTHER THING ENTIRELY!
FWHUMP!

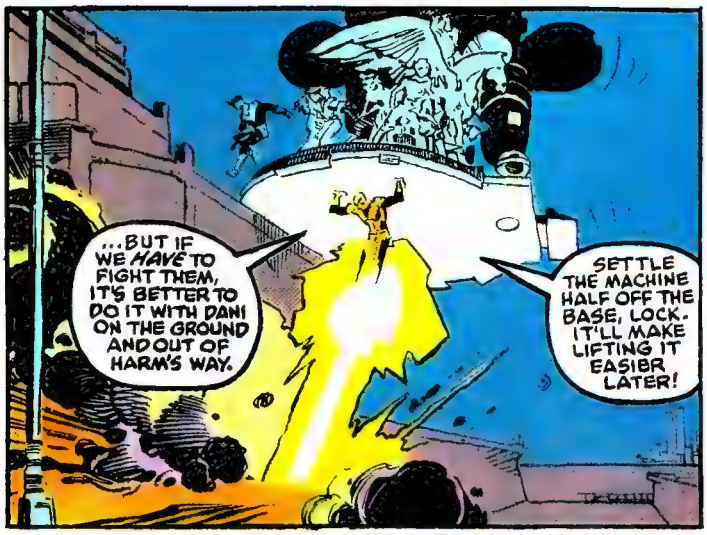

GOOD, MATE! JUST THE BRAVURA MOVE I HOPED YOU'D MAKE!
BECAUSE WHATEVER ITS SOURCE, PYRO IS FLAME'S MASTER!

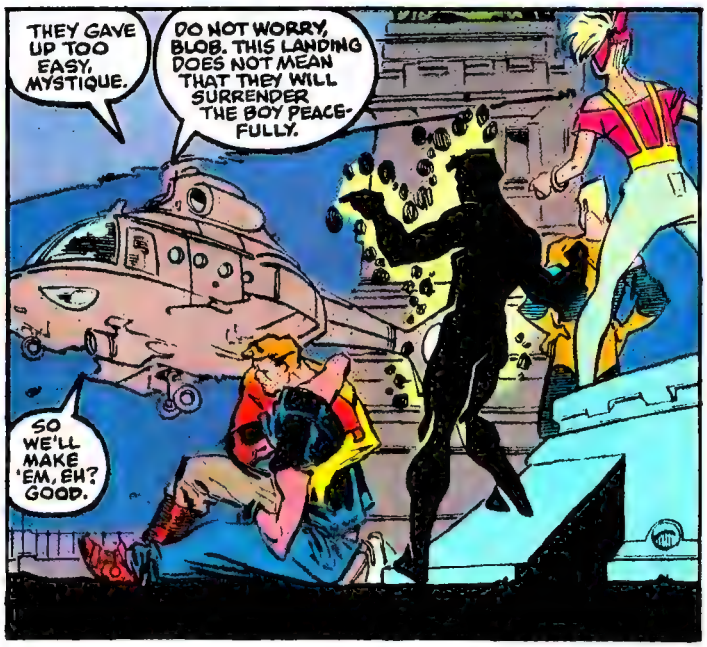
WHAT HAPPENED?
PYRO TOOK CONTROL OF RUSTY'S FLAME! HE'S USING IT AGAINST US!

YOU MUST PROTECT DANI, SKIDS, BEFORE ANY OF US.
THE ICE IS MELTING. SHE'S BURNING UP WITH PAIN...! SHE'S ALMOST CONSCIOUS.
SHE'LL LOSE CONTROL...!

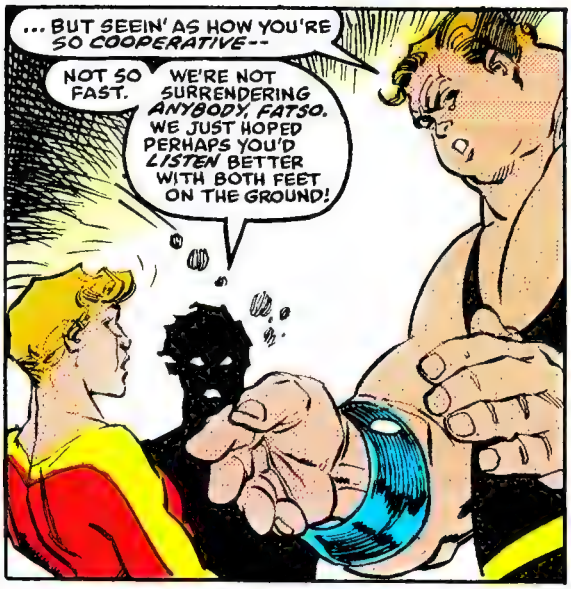

I TRIED TO PROTECT HER, RAHNE...
...BUT MY DEFLECTION FIELD CAN'T STRETCH ANY FARTHER.


BUT FREEDOM FORCE HAS SEEMED ALMOST REASONABLE BEFORE. THEY HELPED THE X-MEN ONCE ...AND US, TOO.
ONLY BECAUSE IT SUITED THEIR OWN NEEDS. THEY DIDN'T DO IT THROUGH ALTRUISM, RAHNE.
THERE'S LIBERTY ISLAND. I SAY WE PUT DANI DOWN AND KICK THEIR COLLECTIVE BUTTS!
CHILL OUT, 'BERTO. YOU BOTH ARE RIGHT. WE'LL GET FREEDOM FORCE'S HELP...IF WE CAN, RAHNE...


...BUT IF WE HAVE TO FIGHT THEM, IT'S BETTER TO DO IT WITH DANI ON THE GROUND AND OUT OF HARM'S WAY.
SETTLE THE MACHINE HALF OFF THE BASE, LOCK. IT'LL MAKE LIFTING IT EASIBR LATER!

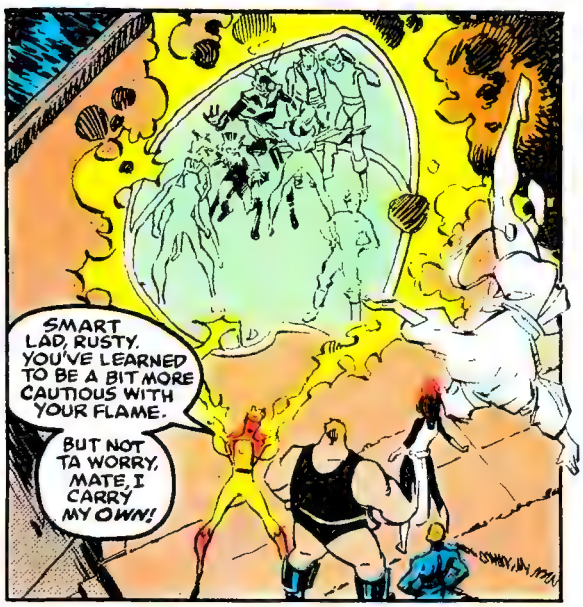

THEY GAVE UP TOO EASY, MYSTIQUE.
DO NOT WORRY, BLOB. THIS LANDING DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY WILL SURRENDER THE BOY PEACE-FULLY.
SO WE'LL MAKE 'EM, EH? GOOD.

AVALANCHE, REMAIN WITH COMMANDO IN THE CHOPPER WHILE WE DIS-EMBARK.
YEAH, AVALANCHE. CAN'T RISK ONE OF UNCLE SAM'S OWN SHAKIN' APART LIBERTY ISLAND, HUH?
SO YOU NEW MUTANTS GONNA LET US TAKE THE HOT-HEAD WITHOUT A FIGHT?
COURSE, WE OUGHTA ARREST YOU OTHERS FOR BEIN' ACCESSO-RIES TA A CRIME...


... BUT SEEIN' AS HOW YOU'RE SO COOPERATIVE--
NOT SO FAST.
WE'RE NOT SURRENDERING ANYBODY, FATSO. WE JUST HOPED PERHAPS YOU'D LISTEN BETTER WITH BOTH FEET ON THE GROUND!

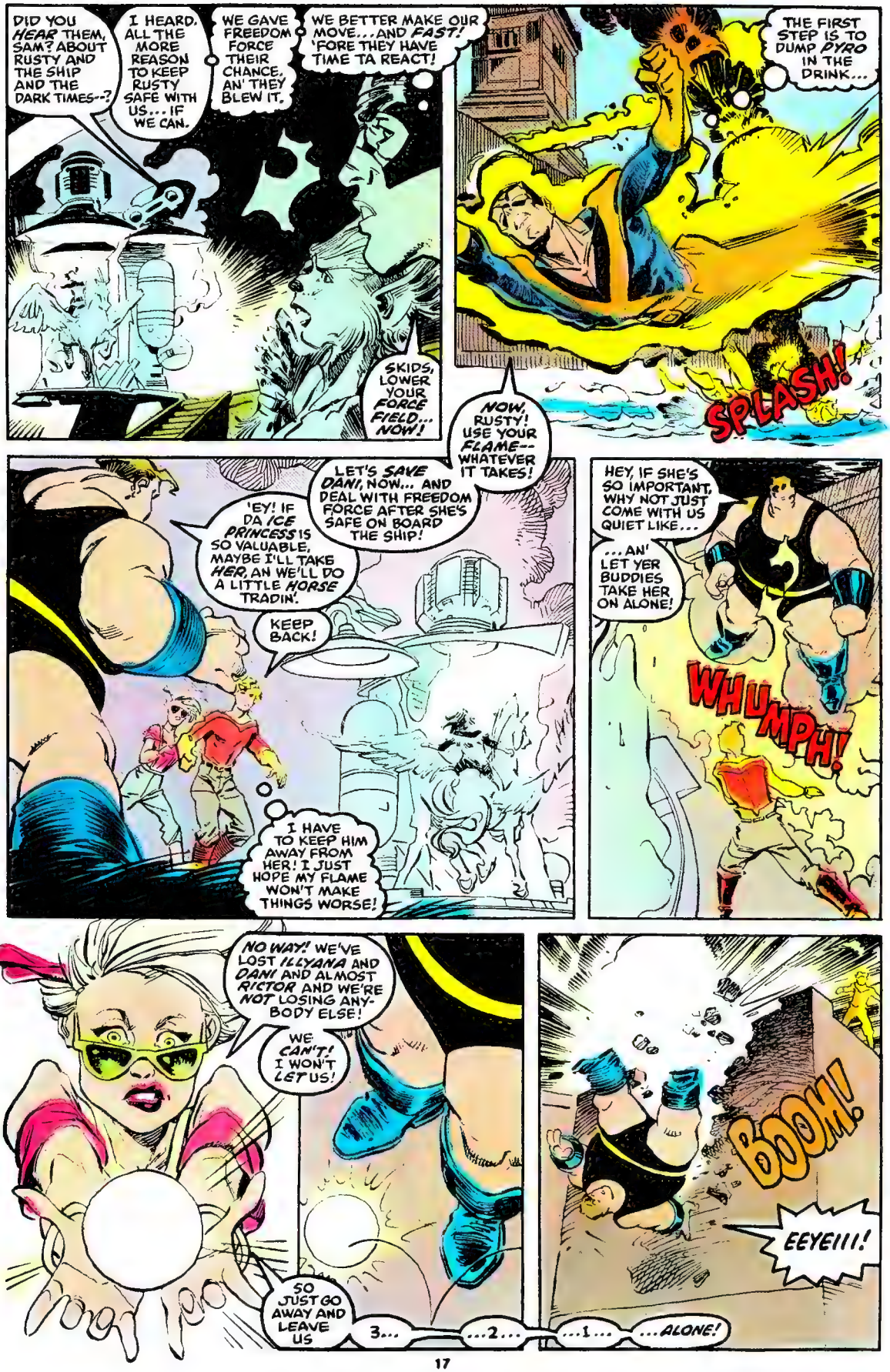
IF WE DON'T GET DANI TO OUR SHIP... AND SOON... SHE'LL BURST INTO FLAME AGAIN!
WE DON'T BUY THAT MUMBO JUMBO SLOP, KID! AN' EVEN IF IT'S TRUE...

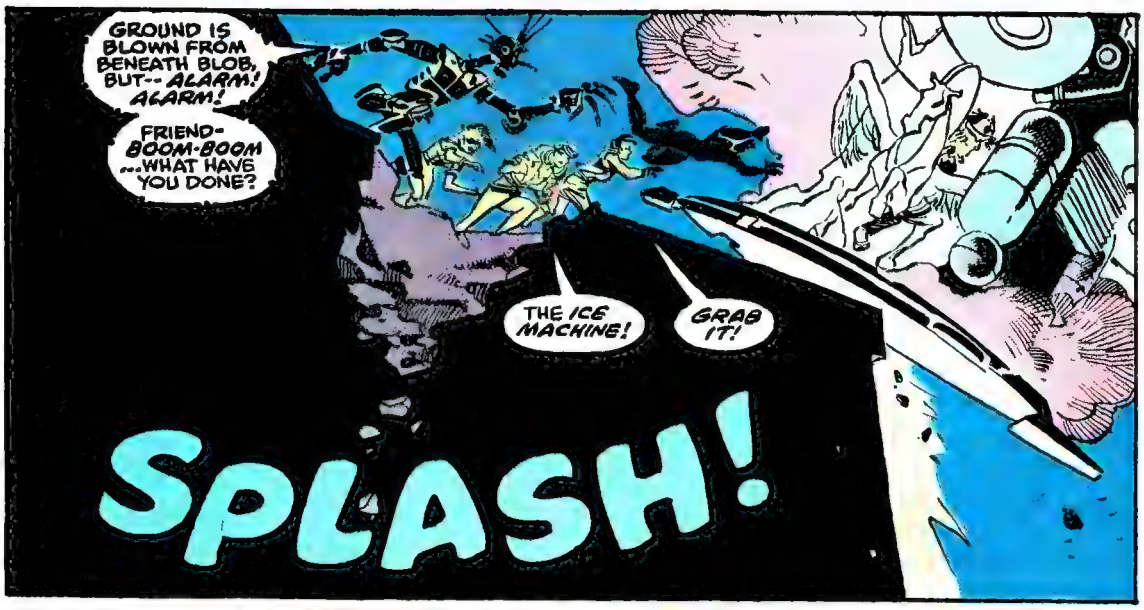
...IT AIN'T OUR PROBLEM!
POW!
PYRO, ROUND THEM UP!

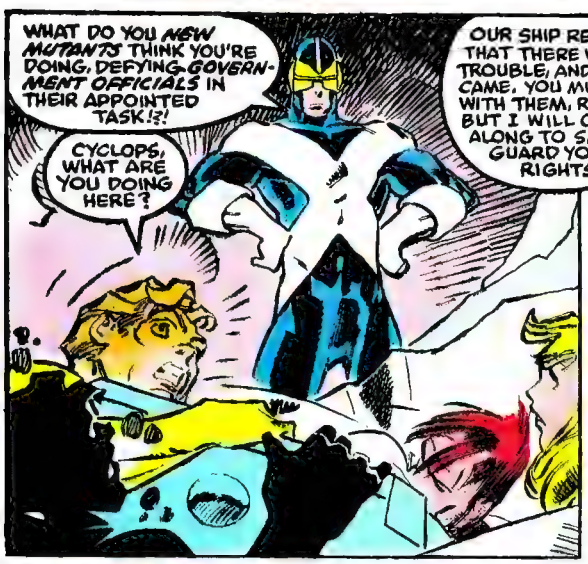

SMART LAD, RUSTY. YOU'VE LEARNED TO BE A BIT MORE CAUTIOUS WITH YOUR FLAME.
BUT NOT TA WORRY, MATE, I CARRY MY OWN!

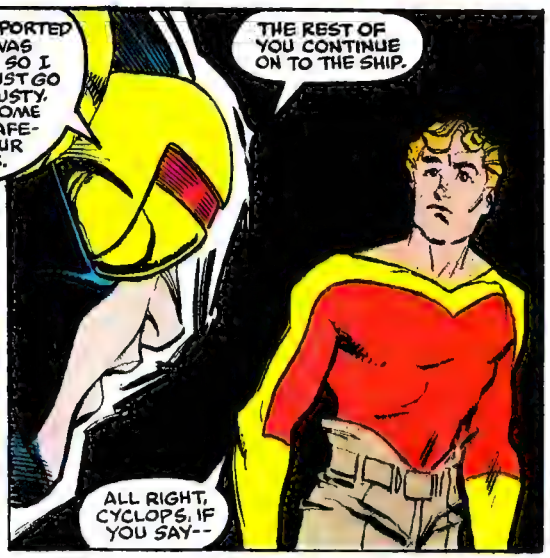
FIRE AWAY, PYRO. YOU CAN'T HURT US THROUGH MY DEFLECTOR FIELD. SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST--?
WHAT... FIRE!? DID DANI BREAK LOOSE? IS THIS THE END OF THE WORLD?
SHE'S OKAY, RICTOR... FOR NOW.

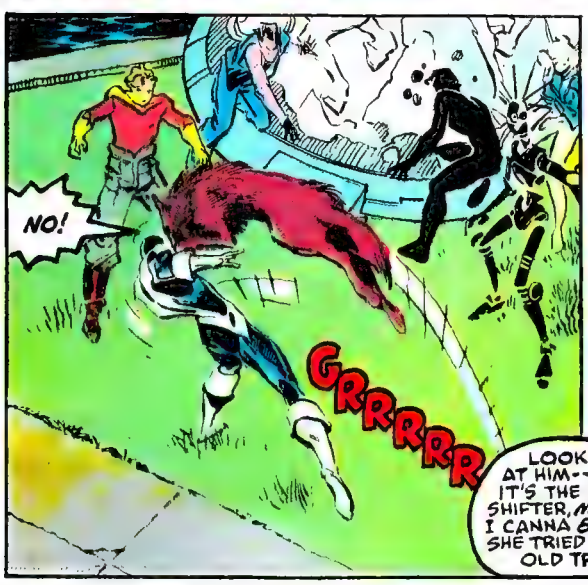
DESTINY, CAN WHAT THEY SAY BE TRUE?
PERHAPS, OUR ONLY CERTAINTY IS THAT, IF RUSTY COLLINS REACHES THEIR SHIP, THE COURSE OF OUR OWN HISTORY WILL BE CHANGED...
...AND THE DARK TIMES THAT ARE COMING WILL OVERWHELM FREEDOM FORCE... AND DESTROY US.

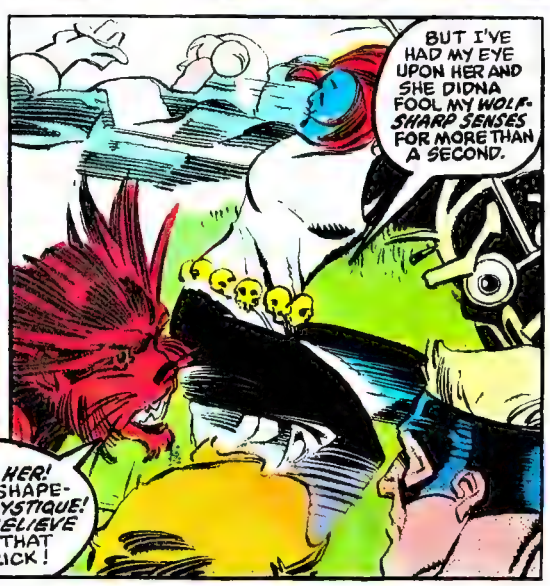

DID YOU HEAR THEM, SAM? ABOUT RUSTY AND THE SHIP AND THE DARK TIMES--?
I HEARD. ALL THE MORE REASON TO KEEP RUSTY SAFE WITH US... IF WE CAN.
WE GAVE FREEDOM FORCE THEIR CHANCE, AN' THEY BLEW IT.
WE BETTER MAKE OUR MOVE...AND FAST! 'FORE THEY HAVE TIME TA REACT!
SKIDS, LOWER YOUR FORCE FIELD... NOW!
THE FIRST STEP IS TO DUMP PYRO IN THE DRINK...
SPLASH!
NOW, RUSTY! USE YOUR FLAME-- WHATEVER IT TAKES!
LET'S SAVE DANI, NOW... AND DEAL WITH FREEDOM FORCE AFTER SHE'S SAFE ON BOARD THE SHIP!
'EY! IF DA ICE PRINCESS IS SO VALUABLE, MAYBE I'LL TAKE HER, AN WE'LL DO A LITTLE HORSE TRADIN'.
KEEP BACK!
I HAVE TO KEEP HIM AWAY FROM HER! I JUST HOPE MY FLAME WON'T MAKE THINGS WORSE!
HEY, IF SHE'S SO IMPORTANT, WHY NOT JUST COME WITH US QUIET LIKE...
...AN' LET YER BUDDIES TAKE HER ON ALONE!
WHUMPH!
NO WAY! WE'VE LOST ILLYANA AND DANI AND ALMOST RICTOR AND WE'RE NOT LOSING ANYBODY ELSE!
WE CAN'T! I WON'T LET US!
SO JUST GO AWAY AND LEAVE US
3...
...2...
...1...
...ALONE!
BOOM!
EEYEIII!

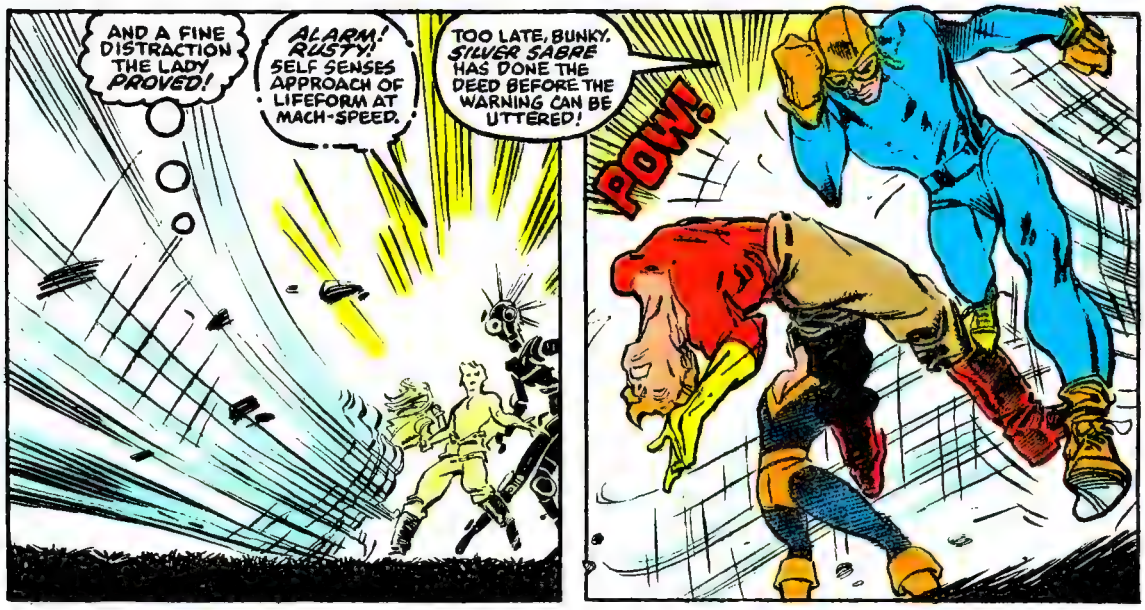

GROUND IS BLOWN FROM BENEATH BLOB, BUT-- ALARM! ALARM!
FRIEND- BOOM-BOOM ...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
THE ICE MACHINE!
GRAB IT!
SPLASH!

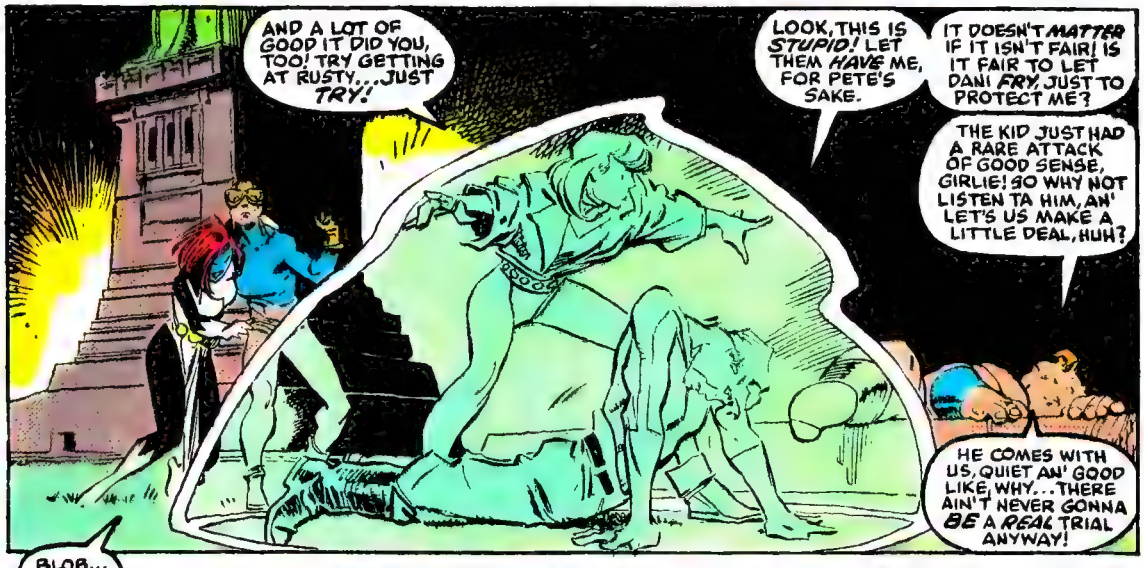

WHAT DO YOU NEW MUTANTS THINK YOU'RE DOING, DEFYING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THEIR APPOINTED TASK!?!
CYCLOPS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
OUR SHIP REPORTED THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE, AND SO I CAME. YOU MUST GO WITH THEM, RUSTY. BUT I WILL COME ALONG TO SAFE-GUARD YOUR RIGHTS.

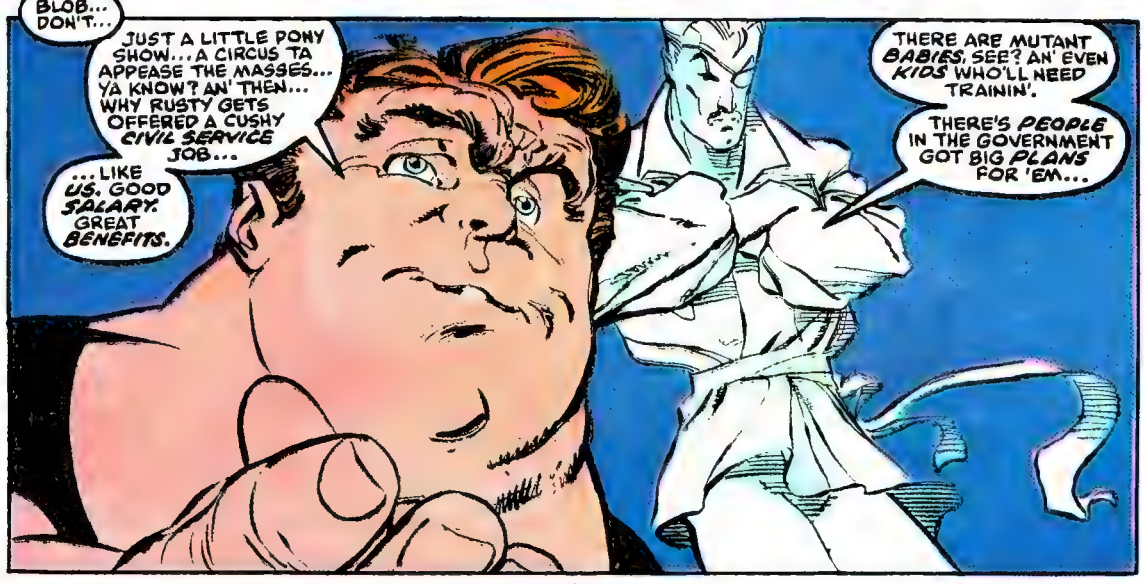

THE REST OF YOU CONTINUE ON TO THE SHIP.
ALL RIGHT, CYCLOPS, IF YOU SAY--


NO!
GRRRRRR
LOOK AT HIM-- HER! IT'S THE SHAPE-SHIFTER, MYSTIQUE! I CANNA BELIEVE SHE TRIED THAT OLD TRICK!


BUT I'VE HAD MY EYE UPON HER AND SHE DIDNA FOOL MY WOLF-SHARP SENSES FOR MORE THAN A SECOND.


AND A FINE DISTRACTION THE LADY PROVED!
ALARM! RUSTY! SELF SENSES APPROACH OF LIFEFORM AT MACH-SPEED.
TOO LATE, BUNKY. SILVER SABRE HAS DONE THE DEED BEFORE THE WARNING CAN BE UTTERED!
POW!


AND A LOT OF GOOD IT DID YOU, TOO! TRY GETTING AT RUSTY... JUST TRY!
LOOK, THIS IS STUPID! LET THEM HAVE ME, FOR PETE'S SAKE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT ISN'T FAIR! IS IT FAIR TO LET DAN! FRY, JUST TO PROTECT ME?
THE KID JUST HAD A RARE ATTACK OF GOOD SENSE, GIRLIE! SO WHY NOT LISTEN TA HIM, AN' LET'S US MAKE A LITTLE DEAL, HUH?
HE COMES WITH US, QUIET AN' GOOD LIKE, WHY... THERE AIN'T NEVER GONNA BE A REAL TRIAL ANYWAY!


BLOB... DON'T...
JUST A LITTLE PONY SHOW... A CIRCUS TA APPEASE THE MASSES... YA KNOW? AN' THEN... WHY RUSTY GETS OFFERED A CUSHY CIVIL SERVICE JOB...
...LIKE US. GOOD SALARY. GREAT BENEFITS.
THERE ARE MUTANT BABIES, SEE? AN' EVEN KIDS WHO'LL NEED TRAININ'.
THERE'S PEOPLE IN THE GOVERNMENT GOT BIG PLANS FOR 'EM...

PLANS? FOR MUTANT CHILDREN? AND BABIES, BLOB?
ONLY YOU DIDN'T RETURN THEM, DID YOU? THEY'RE THE ONES YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
LIKE THE ONES X-FACTOR RESCUED AND SURRENDERED TO YOU FOR RETURN TO THEIR PARENTS?*
*IN X-F #40. --BOB
RUSTY'S RIGHT!
GO ON! GET DAN! TO THE SHIP... SAVE HER! AND THEN YOU TELL X-FACTOR THAT FREEDOM FORCE STILL HAS THE BABIES...
...AND THAT THEY'RE PLANNING TO EXPLOIT THEM.
AND DON'T YOU WORRY ABOUT RUSTY AND ME. WE'LL BE WAITING RIGHT HERE WHEN YOU GET BACK!
YOU GOT IT, SKIDS. COME ON! HURRY!
WITH LESS ICE, IT'S EASIER TO FLY... BUT THAT ALSO MEANS THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
BLOB, YOU FOOL, YOU HAVE REVEALED SECRET INFORMATION VITAL TO OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, AND HAVE FORCED US TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT OURSELVES... AND OUR SUPERIORS!
COMMANDO, TAKE DESTINY AND GO AFTER THEM! THEY MUST NOT REACH X-FACTOR WITH THIS INFORMATION.
WHUP WHUP WHUP

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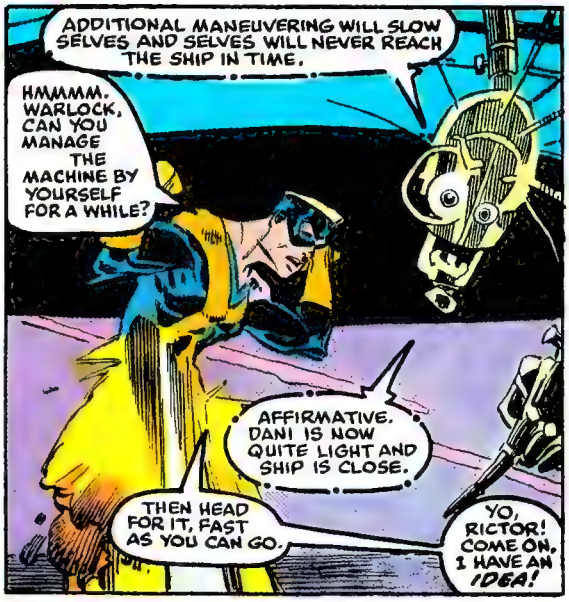
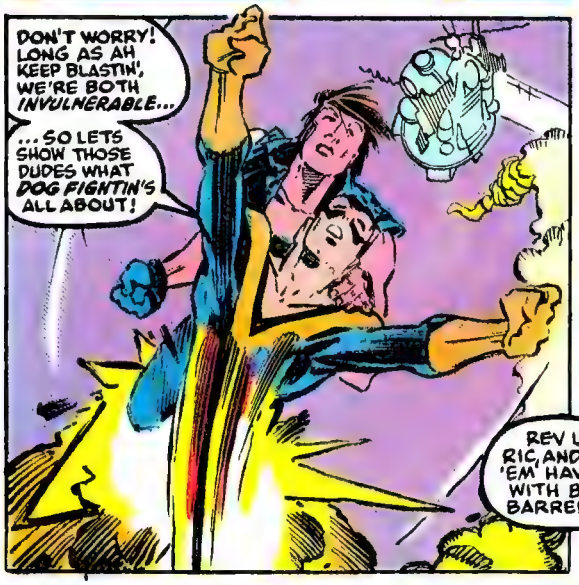
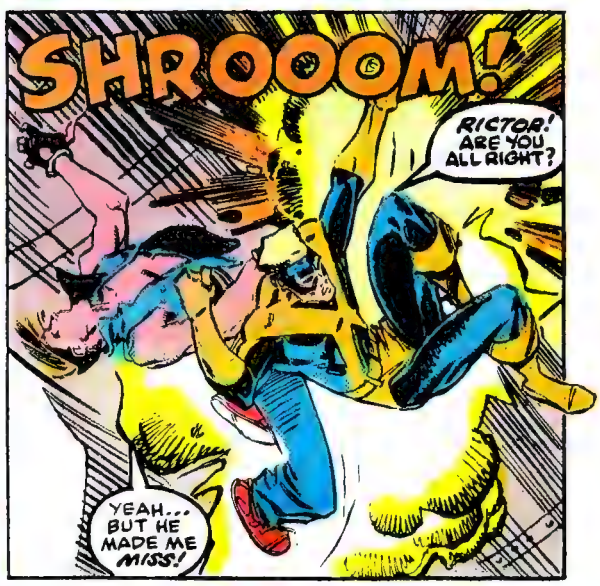
WE DODGED 'EM... BARELY!
SITUATION IS BECOMING DESPERATE SELFRIENDS. SELF REGISTERS HEAT RADIATING THROUGH ICE!
TAKKA-TAKKA-TAKKA


ADDITIONAL MANEUVERING WILL SLOW SELVES AND SELVES WILL NEVER REACH THE SHIP IN TIME.
HMMMM. WARLOCK, CAN YOU MANAGE THE MACHINE BY YOURSELF FOR A WHILE?
AFFIRMATIVE. DANI IS NOW QUITE LIGHT AND SHIP IS CLOSE.
THEN HEAD FOR IT, FAST AS YOU CAN GO.
YO, RICTOR! COME ON, I HAVE AN IDEA!


DON'T WORRY! LONG AS AH KEEP BLASTIN', WE'RE BOTH INVULNERABLE...
...SO LETS SHOW THOSE DUDES WHAT DOG FIGHTIN'S ALL ABOUT!
REV UP, RIC, AND LET 'EM HAVE IT WITH BOTH BARRELS!

THE BOY WITH THE VIBRO-POWER..!

I SEE HIM, DESTINY! THIS TIME I TAKE HIM OUT PERMANENTLY!
RUMBLE
TAKKA-TAKKA-TAKKA-TAKKA


SHROOOM!
RICTOR! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH... BUT HE MADE ME MISS!

TAKE NO PRISONERS.

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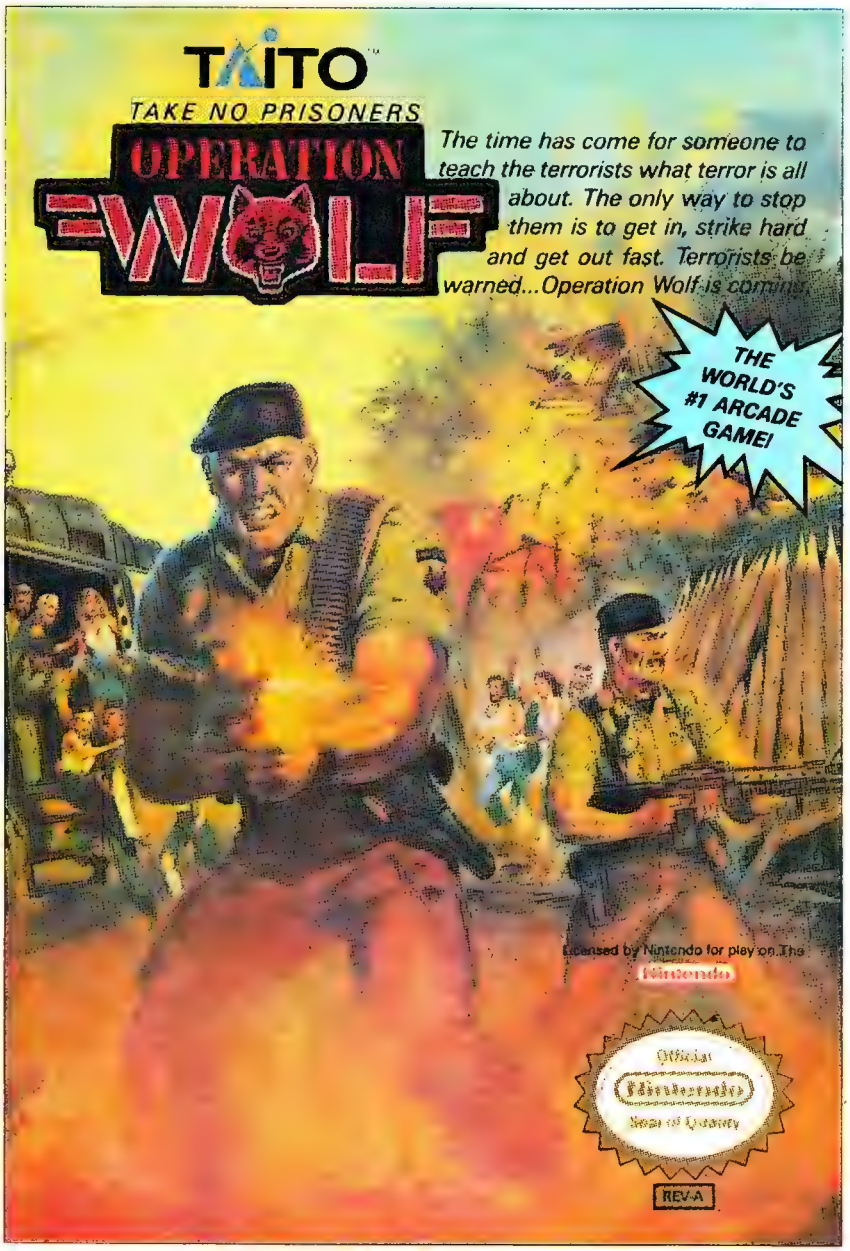

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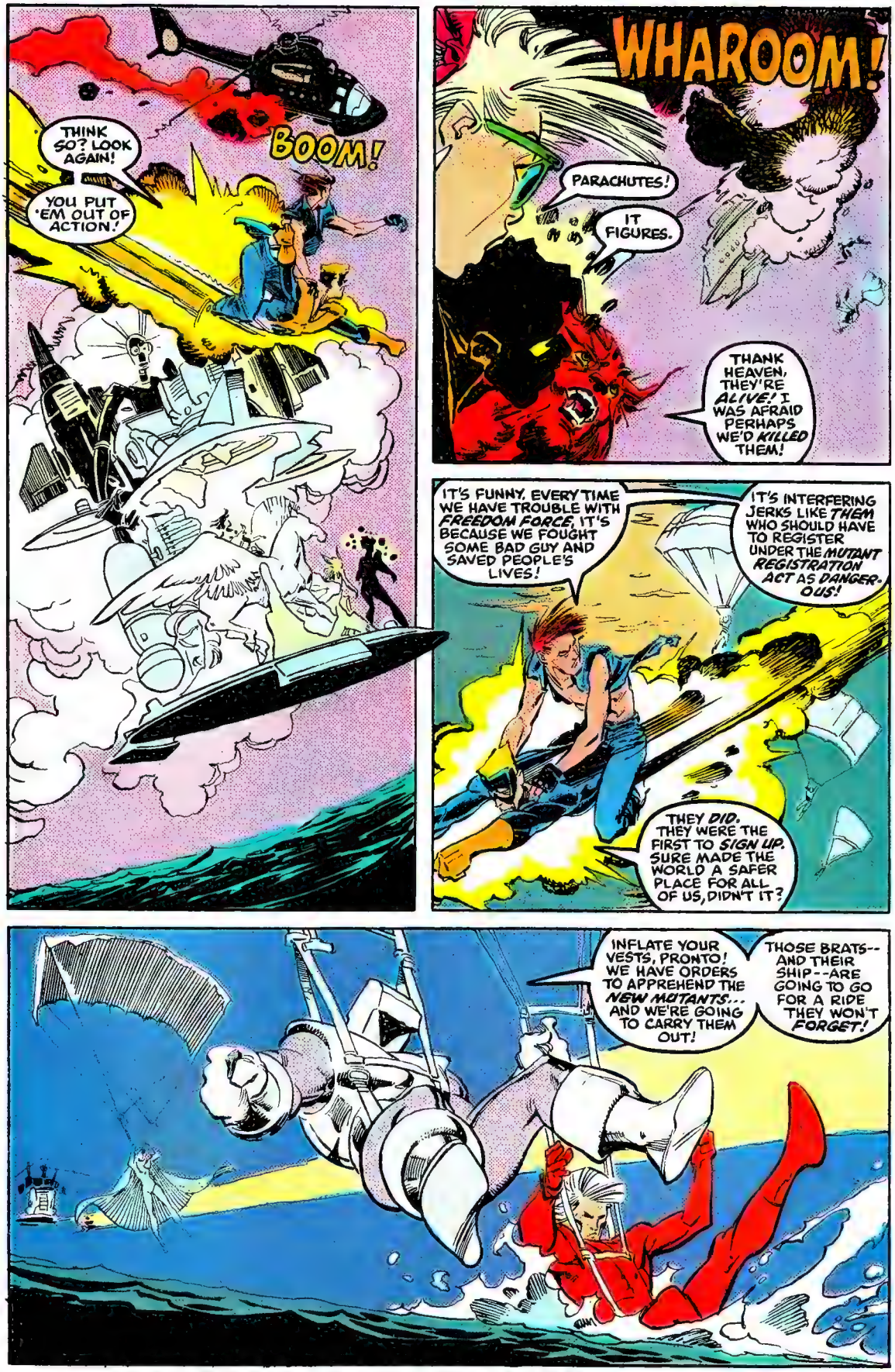
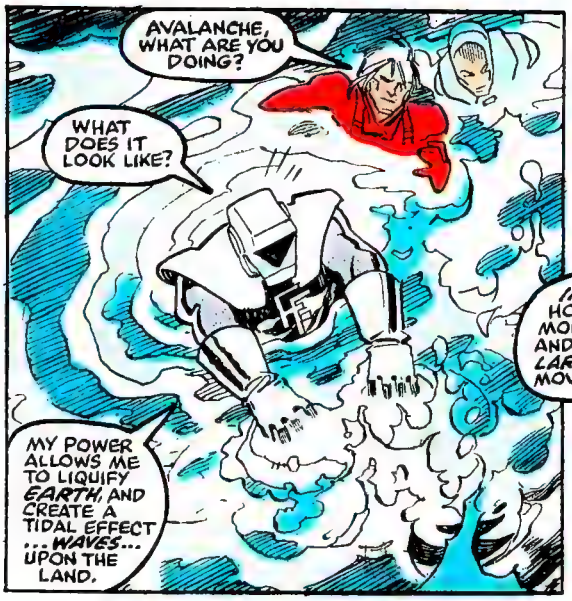
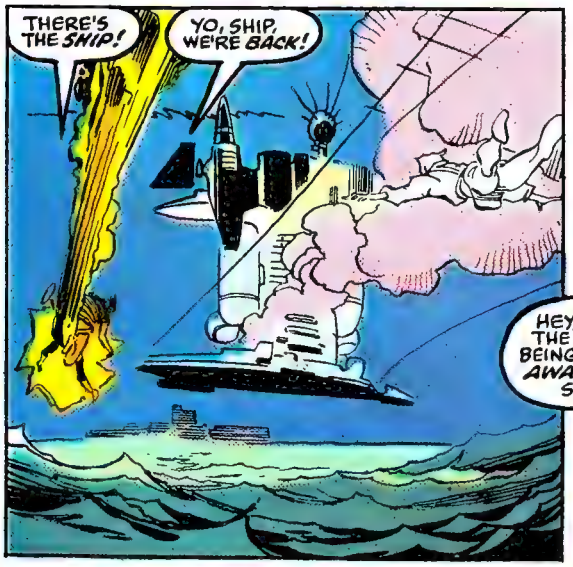
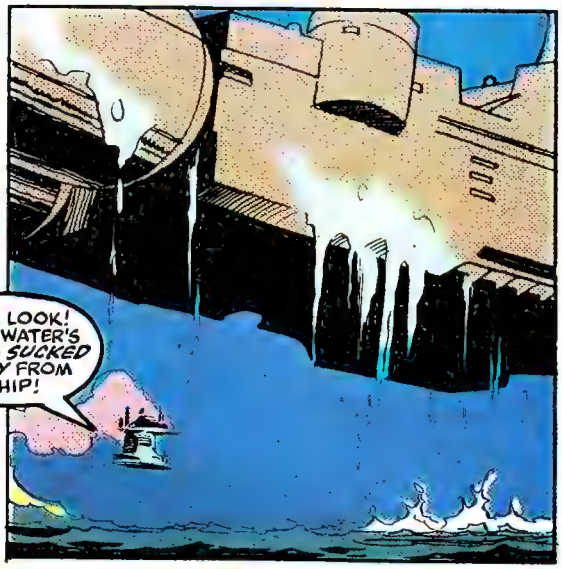
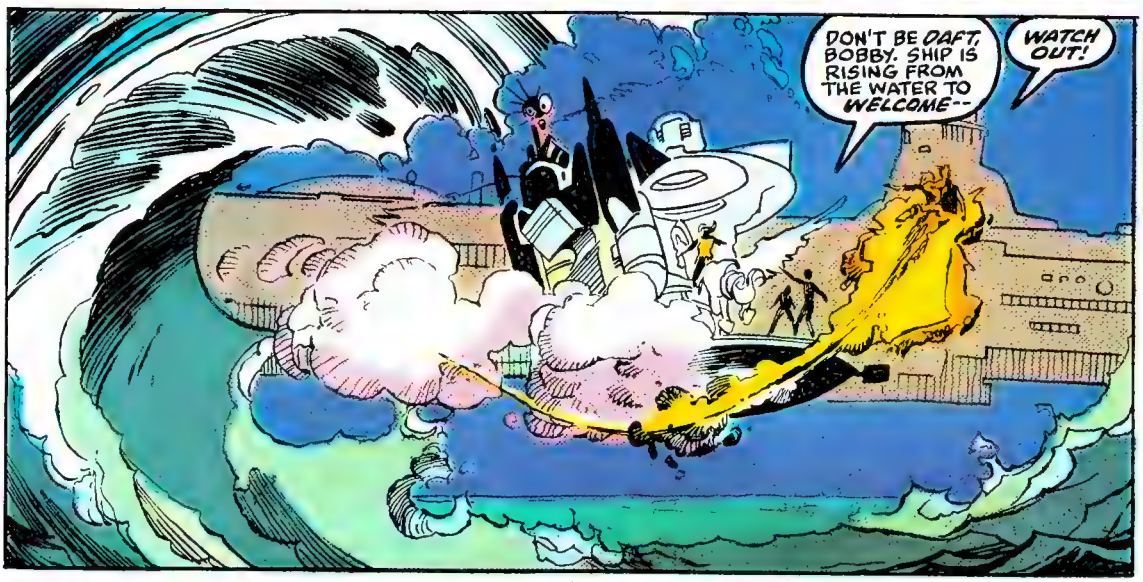

THINK SO? LOOK AGAIN!
YOU PUT 'EM OUT OF ACTION!
BOOM!
WHAROOM!
PARACHUTES!
IT FIGURES.
THANK HEAVEN, THEY'RE ALIVE! I WAS AFRAID PERHAPS WE'D KILLED THEM!
IT'S FUNNY, EVERY TIME WE HAVE TROUBLE WITH FREEDOM FORCE, IT'S BECAUSE WE FOUGHT SOME BAD GUY AND SAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES!
IT'S INTERFERING JERKS LIKE THEM WHO SHOULD HAVE TO REGISTER UNDER THE MUTANT REGISTRATION ACT AS DANGEROUS!
THEY DID. THEY WERE THE FIRST TO SIGN UP. SURE MADE THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE FOR ALL OF US, DIDN'T IT?
INFLATE YOUR VESTS, PRONTO! WE HAVE ORDERS TO APPREHEND THE NEW MUTANTS... AND WE'RE GOING TO CARRY THEM OUT!
THOSE BRATS--AND THEIR SHIP--ARE GOING TO GO FOR A RIDE THEY WON'T FORGET!


AVALANCHE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?
MY POWER ALLOWS ME TO LIQUIFY EARTH, AND CREATE A TIDAL EFFECT ...WAVES... UPON THE LAND.

IMAGINE HOW MUCH MORE EASILY... AND SPECTACULARLY...I CAN MOVE WATER--?


THERE'S THE SHIP!
YO, SHIP, WE'RE BACK!


HEY, LOOK! THE WATER'S BEING SUCKED AWAY FROM SHIP!


DON'T BE DAFT, BOBBY. SHIP IS RISING FROM THE WATER TO WELCOME--
WATCH OUT!

MARVEL BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

This is dedicated to *Frank Giacoia*, an illustrator superbly gifted as both a penciler and an inker. For the past few years he had specialized in inking. He was one of the best, one of the all-time greats. In later years he developed heart trouble, and on February 4, 1989, the comic book world and Marvel in particular lost this truly talented man, this artist in every sense of the word.

But Frank was more than an artist. He was a friend, a co-worker whose unflagging good spirits and whose willingness to help and advise others will never be forgotten by those who worked with him, knew him and loved him.

I remember Frank Giacoia and his brilliant illustrations since the early days of Timely Comics, long before we changed our name to Marvel. I remember his now-classic newspaper strips: one, *Johnny Reb*, about the Civil War, the other starring *Sherlock Holmes*. I remember the many sparkling episodes of our early *Spider-Man* strip which he so brilliantly inked, as well as the countless other Marvel classics embellished by his magic brush.

But most of all, I remember his warmth, his humor and especially his friendship, a friendship which was treasured by all who knew him.

We miss you, Frank. The Bullpen's firmament has lost a star.

ITEM: Two new staffers recently climbed aboard the good ship Marvel, and we'd like you all to say hello to Lilting *Lisa Trusiani*, who will be Sizzling *Sid Jacobson*'s assistant editor on our stunning Star line of books, and Ravishing *Renée Witterstaetter*, who will assist Craggy *Craig Anderson* on SILVER SURFER, WHAT IF . . .?, SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN, and the upcoming SAGA OF WOLVERINE Limited Series. Welcome to the Hallowed Halls, Lisa and Renée—and we hope your stays at Marvel will be long and full of fun!

ITEM: And while we're in the welcoming mode, let's hear it for the new crew we have comprising our Editorial Administration Pool! Assisting Two-Fisted *Tom D.* and Madcap *Mark G.* in managing Command Central are Scintillating *Suzanne Gaffney*, Mellow *Marie Javins*, and Effervescent *Evan Skolnick*!

Without these hardworking heroes to handle the zillions of details which creep up on you when you're running the most exciting comic book company in the world, poor Tom and Mark wouldn't even know what day it was! (Of course, even with our administrative assistants extraordinaire, our two head honchos blow more than their fair share of deadlines!)

ITEM: We interrupt this Bullpen Page to present a public service message. May 22-29 is BUCKLE-UP AMERICA! Week, and Marvel Comics is joining the national battle to wage war on traffic fatalities and injuries. All during BUCKLE-UP AMERICA! Week, national, state and local safety groups will be drawing attention to the importance of safety belts through various events and media coverage. We at mighty Marvel are proud to help, and we want you all to remember to **BUCKLE UP!!**

Pro file: SARA TUCHINSKY

Assistant Editor on: THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE UPDATE '89, S.H.I.E.L.D., SOLO AVENGERS, MARVEL MASTERWORKS, NICK FURY, WOLVERINE GRAPHIC NOVEL, the soon-to-be-classic CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. THE ASTHMA MONSTER, and a bunch of one-shots and trade paperbacks.

Marvel freelance credits: Wrote a Scarlet Witch story for MARVEL FANFARE with *Kieron Dwyer*, and an inventory story for Epic's POWER LINE, plus tons of letters pages and a crossword puzzle for CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. THE ASTHMA MONSTER.

My place of birth is: Chicago, Illinois.

People who knew me in high school thought I was: Short.

My hobbies are: Baking the world's best chocolate chip cookies, procrastinating, cleaning my desk, brown-nosing *Howard Mackie* so he'll let me play with his new baby.

My pet peeves are: *Greg Wright*, people who vote for Greg Wright instead of Howard Mackie as "favorite editor" in the CBG poll, working for Greg Wright, and, of course, the New York City subway system (which *is* run by Greg Wright).

My favorite performers are: Katharine Hepburn, Carol Leifer, Sam Neil, Geena Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Peter Lorre, David Letterman, John Cleese.

The last good books I read were: *The Unbearable Lightness of Being* and *Date Due*.

The last good movie I saw was: *Lawrence of Arabia*.

If they were making a movie of my life, I'd like to see my part played by: I'd *like* to be played by Kathleen Turner, but I'd probably be animated instead.

My oddest habit is: Explaining things fully and completely to people who already know what I'm talking about. They hate it.

My greatest accomplishment outside the comics field is: Definitely not my wardrobe.

The reason I got into comics was: I didn't like the uniforms at Pizza Hut.

The biggest influences on my work include: Tess McGill, Kieron Dwyer, Louise and Walter Simonson, John Rozum, Madam Harrod (my high school French teacher), the island of Bermuda, Kyle Baker, and my mother. Oh, and Howard Mackie, of course.

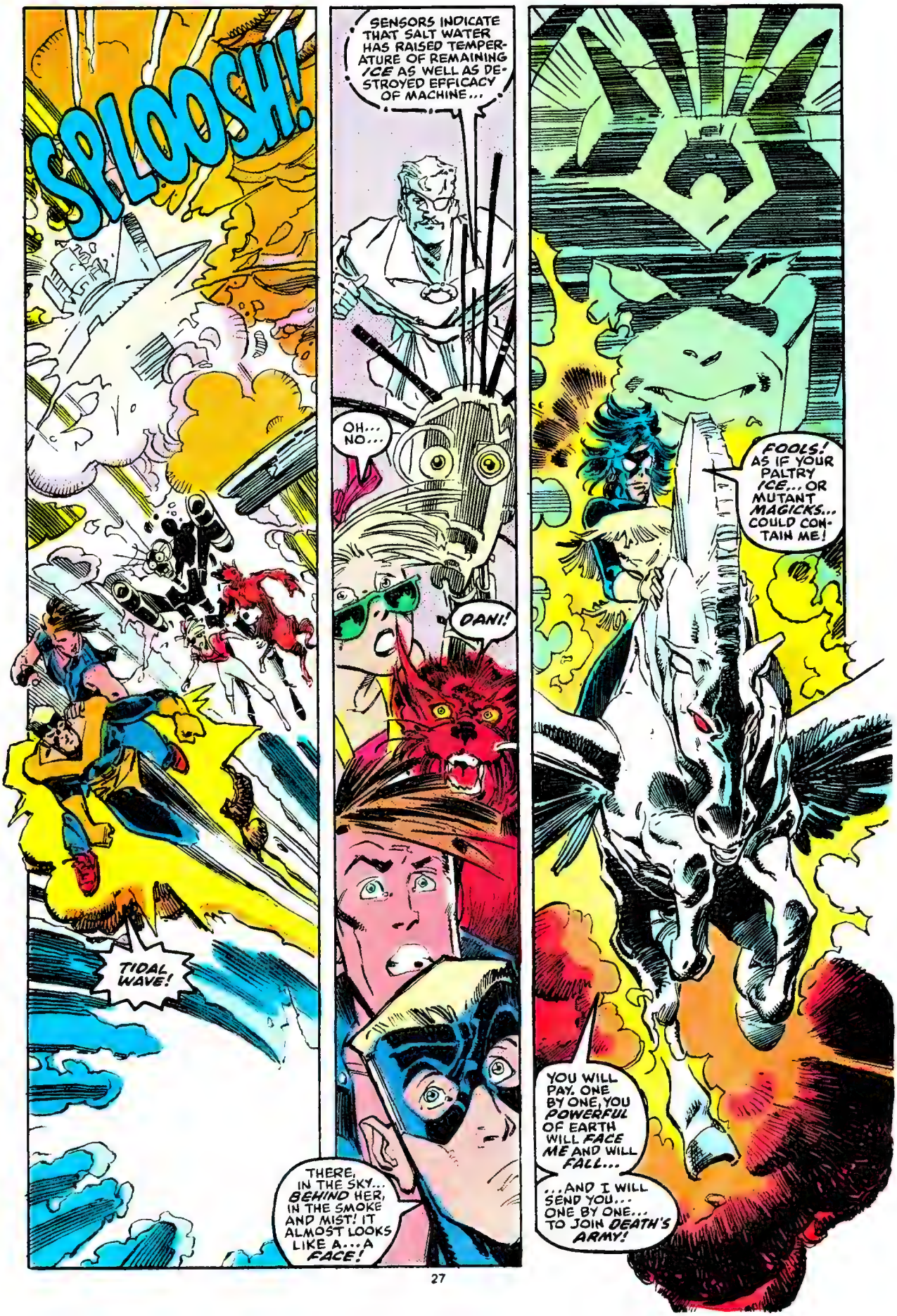
The single work of which I am most proud is: Being the top of the Marvel Madmen pyramid at the San Diego Convention.

My greatest unfulfilled ambition in the comics field is: To become an editor and show everyone that Greg Wright's job isn't as hard as he always says it is.

The worst part of my job is: Greg Wright.

When nobody's looking I like to: Stretch out to my full height.

The one thing I really want the world to know about me is: I'm taller than I *really* am.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FOOLS! AS IF YOUR PALTRY ICE... OR MUTANT MAGICKS... COULD CONTAIN ME!
YOU WILL PAY, ONE BY ONE, YOU POWERFUL OF EARTH WILL FACE ME AND WILL FALL...
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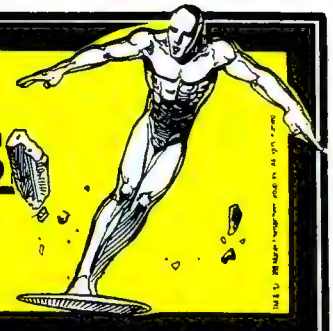

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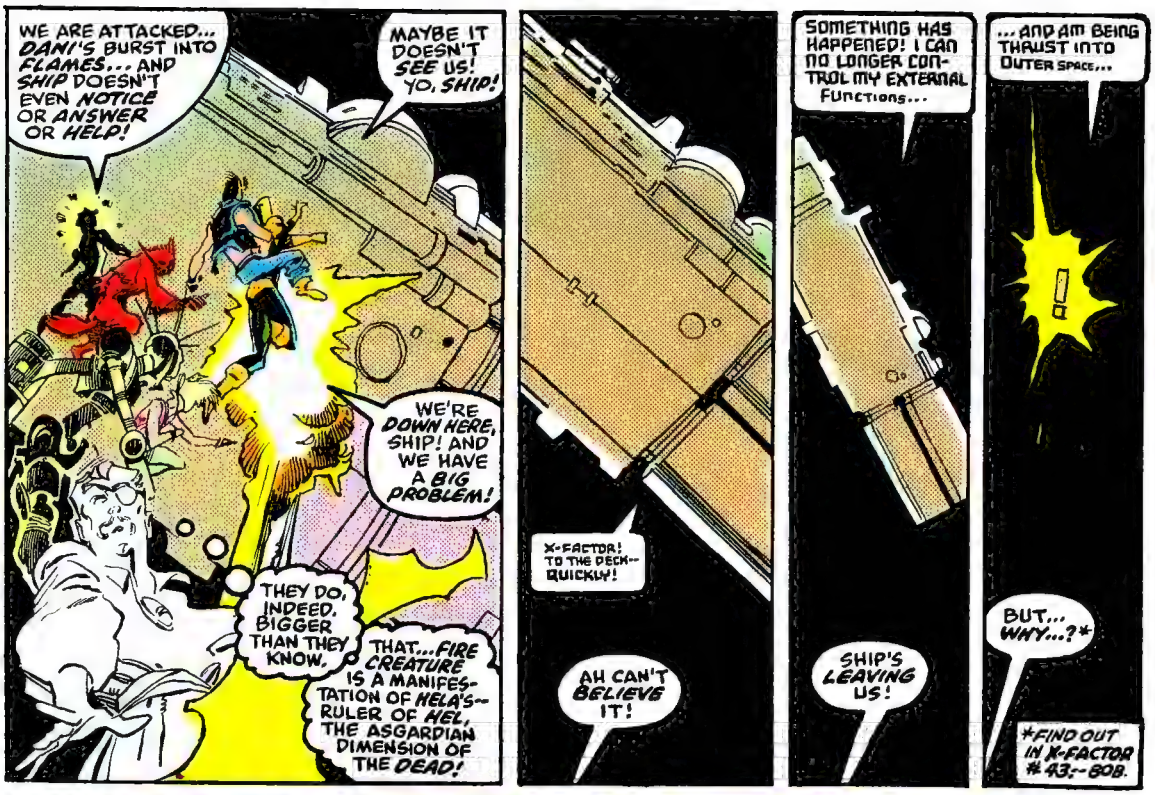
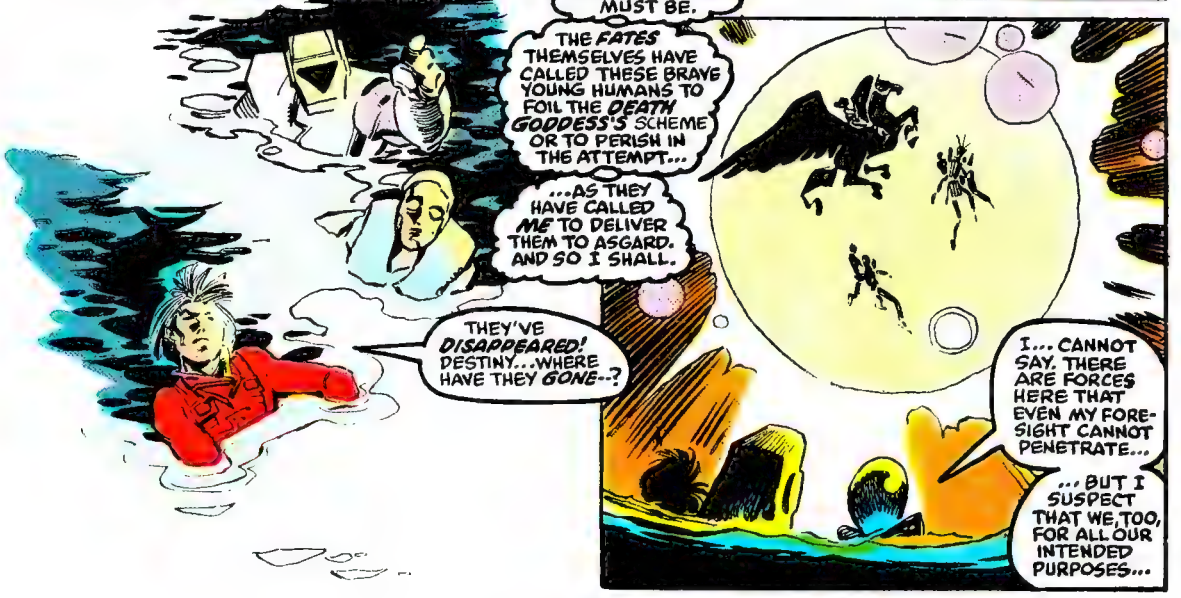
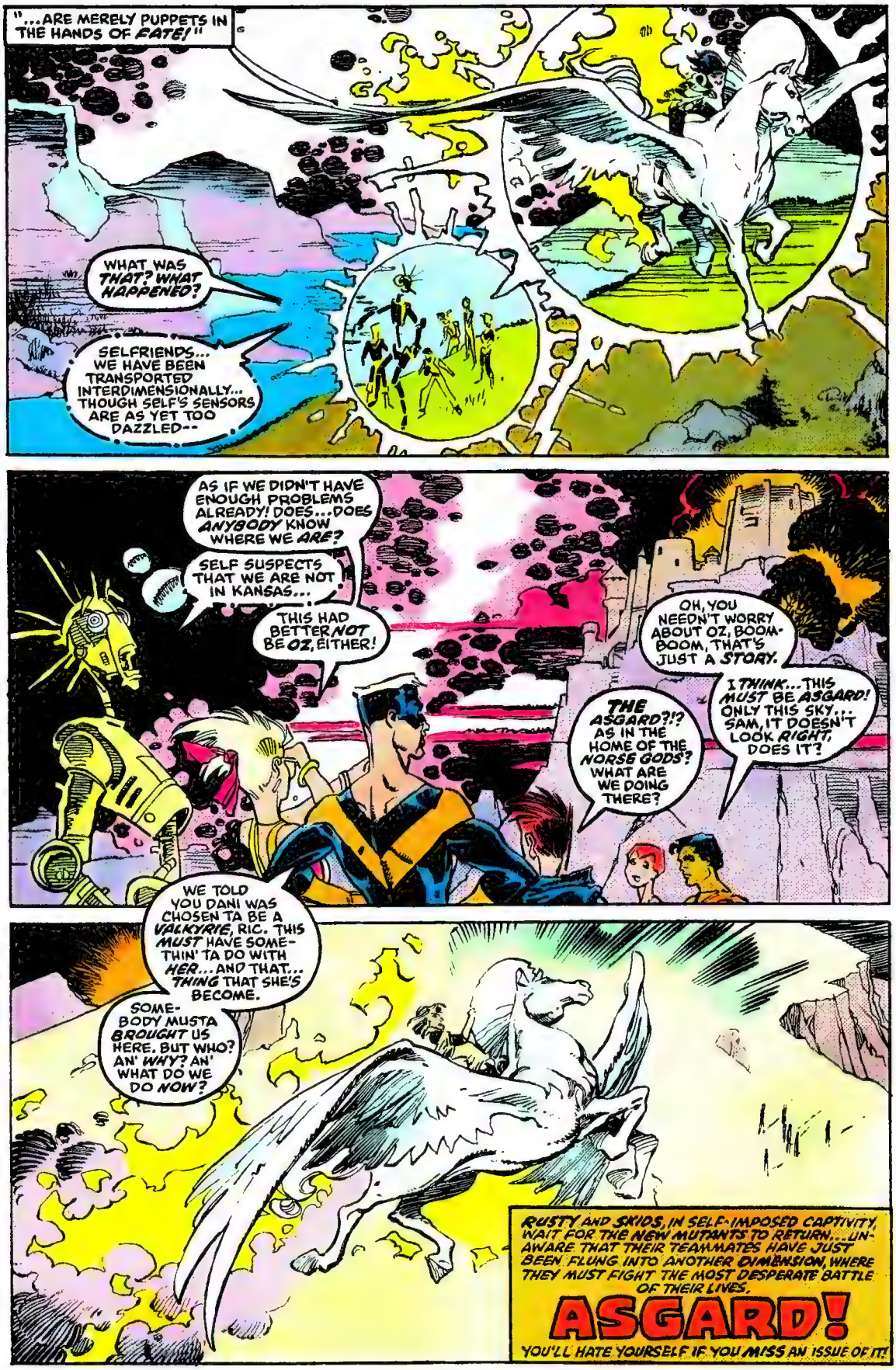

WE ARE ATTACKED... DANI'S BURST INTO FLAMES... AND SHIP DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE OR ANSWER OR HELP!
MAYBE IT DOESN'T SEE US! YO, SHIP!
WE'RE DOWN HERE, SHIP! AND WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM!
THEY DO, INDEED. BIGGER THAN THEY KNOW.
THAT... FIRE CREATURE IS A MANIFESTATION OF HELA'S-- RULER OF HEL, THE ASGARDIAN DIMENSION OF THE DEAD!
X-FACTOR! TO THE DECK-- QUICKLY!
AH CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED! I CAN NO LONGER CONTROL MY EXTERNAL FUNCTIONS...
SHIP'S LEAVING US!
...AND AM BEING THRUST INTO OUTER SPACE...
!
BUT... WHY...?*
*FIND OUT IN X-FACTOR #43:-- BOB.

THEIR SHIP WILL SOON BE LIGHT-YEARS AWAY... AND THAT IS THE LEAST OF THEIR PROBLEMS.
DANIELLE MOONSTAR IS TOO DANGEROUS TO REMAIN ON EARTH. I KNOW NOW WHAT MY RESPONSE TO HELA'S CHALLENGE MUST BE.


THE FATES THEMSELVES HAVE CALLED THESE BRAVE YOUNG HUMANS TO FOIL THE DEATH GODDESS'S SCHEME OR TO PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT...
...AS THEY HAVE CALLED ME TO DELIVER THEM TO ASGARD. AND SO I SHALL.
THEY'VE DISAPPEARED! DESTINY...WHERE HAVE THEY GONE--?
I... CANNOT SAY. THERE ARE FORCES HERE THAT EVEN MY FORESIGHT CANNOT PENETRATE...
...BUT I SUSPECT THAT WE, TOO, FOR ALL OUR INTENDED PURPOSES...


"...ARE MERELY PUPPETS IN THE HANDS OF FATE!"
WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
SELFRIENDS... WE HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED INTERDIMENSIONALLY... THOUGH SELF'S SENSORS ARE AS YET TOO DAZZLED--
AS IF WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS ALREADY! DOES...DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHERE WE ARE?
SELF SUSPECTS THAT WE ARE NOT IN KANSAS...
THIS HAD BETTER NOT BE OZ, EITHER!
OH, YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT OZ, BOOM-BOOM, THAT'S JUST A STORY.
I THINK...THIS MUST BE ASGARD! ONLY THIS SKY... SAM, IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT, DOES IT?
THE ASGARD?!? AS IN THE HOME OF THE NORSE GODS? WHAT ARE WE DOING THERE?
WE TOLD YOU DANI WAS CHOSEN TA BE A VALKYRIE, RIC. THIS MUST HAVE SOMETHIN' TA DO WITH HER... AND THAT... THING THAT SHE'S BECOME.
SOMEBODY MUSTA BROUGHT US HERE. BUT WHO? AN' WHY? AN' WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
RUSTY AND SKIDS, IN SELF-IMPOSED CAPTIVITY, WAIT FOR THE NEW MUTANTS TO RETURN... UNAWARE THAT THEIR TEAMMATES HAVE JUST BEEN FLUNG INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHERE THEY MUST FIGHT THE MOST DESPERATE BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES.
ASGARD!
YOU'LL HATE YOURSELF IF YOU MISS AN ISSUE OF IT!

BOB HARRAS: editor — DARYL EDELMAN: assistant editor

REPORT · CARD

% MARVEL COMICS GROUP – 387 Park Avenue South – New York, New York – 10016

Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Marvel:

This letter concerns NEW MUTANTS #73 and #74. I just finished reading "Inferno," and I thought it was very good. But, why did they have to destroy Sym and N'Astirh? I mean, the world would have been neat that way!!!!!

Sean Grimaldi
5340 Temple City Blvd.
Temple City, CA 91780

Yeah, you'd think it was a neat world until some post office box bit your hand off, Sean!!! As for Sym and N'Astirh, as you know by now, things aren't always as they seem!

Dear Marvel Mutant Masters:

In my previous letters I have asked time and time again that Illyana not be stripped of her powers or killed, and I would be quite upset now if it weren't so clear that Illyana hasn't lost her powers at all.

In NEW MUTANTS #73, we see that the Darkchilde discards her blackened armor in Limbo on page 33, teleports herself, the Mutants, and young Illyana out of Limbo, and then both Illyanas disappear on page 38, the young one slipping from Wolfsbane's fingers as she did from Kitty's in X-MEN #160. Finally, the Darkchilde's armor, is found with the young Illyana inside on page 43.

I assert that the Darkchilde teleported both of them into Limbo on page 38, spent some time with her younger self in Limbo slipping the young one into her armor, and teleported her younger self back so as to simulate her demise. I believe she created this plot to once again take control of Limbo, tricking even N'Astirh into believing her out of the picture.

Simply because the Darkchilde glowed brightly for a few moments, everyone thinks she's dead.

As far as the future goes, you at Marvel are certain to bring back the Darkchilde at some time in the future, as was done with Phoenix, and you also have a young Illyana to play with. She tests out strangely to mutant sensors as did the elder Illyana, so she may join Marvel's Mutant Masses in some other form than Magik.

Gor Nykreim
103-33 Caltech
Pasadena, CA 91125

Hummm . . . now that's an interesting theory, Gorm. But the only thing we can say for certain about Illyana is that she is a child living in Siberia and that her days with the New Mutants are over . . . for now.

Dear Marvel,

When I got NEW MUTANTS #74, I flipped to the back . . . and the letter from Richard O'Brian. Religions should not concern themselves with comics. What Mr. O'Brian does not understand is that the world consists of more than one religion. No one should have the right to choose what books people should read, and what should be in books we read. I think that only the most uncivilized people think they have the right to choose what we read. And, only the most insecure people would worry about what people read and how it will affect their religion.

I feel glad that comics don't really concern themselves with religion. For me, if a comic was religious and didn't explore the other possibilities, I wouldn't read them. Finally, I would like to say that if people aren't mature enough to understand that the characters are just made-up then they shouldn't read an adult book. The facts as they present themselves should be looked at without emotions getting involved.

Jeff Hill
236 North Street
Lakeview, OR 97630

Here in America, people are free to practice whatever religion they want, and we don't advocate or put down any beliefs here in these pages. But, we did give Mr. O'Brian a chance to voice his views in issue #74, so we wanted to give Jeff the same opportunity.

Marvel Assistant Editors Fan Awards for 1988

And welcome to the *MAE* Fan Awards. We, the MIGHTY MARVEL ASSISTANT EDITORS, not wanting to cause a recall of all CBG ballots by pointing out that the all-important ASSISTANT EDITORS were left off the list, have decided to run a ballot of our own. We're letting you, the readers, decide which assistant has *hyped* him/herself the most and the *best!*

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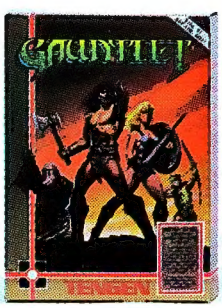

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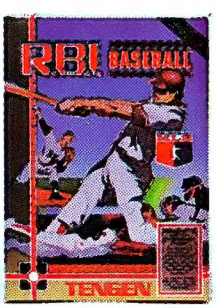

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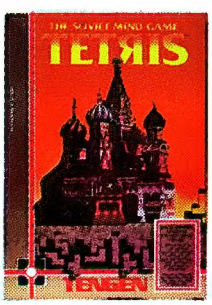

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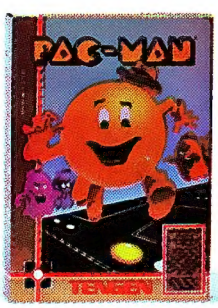

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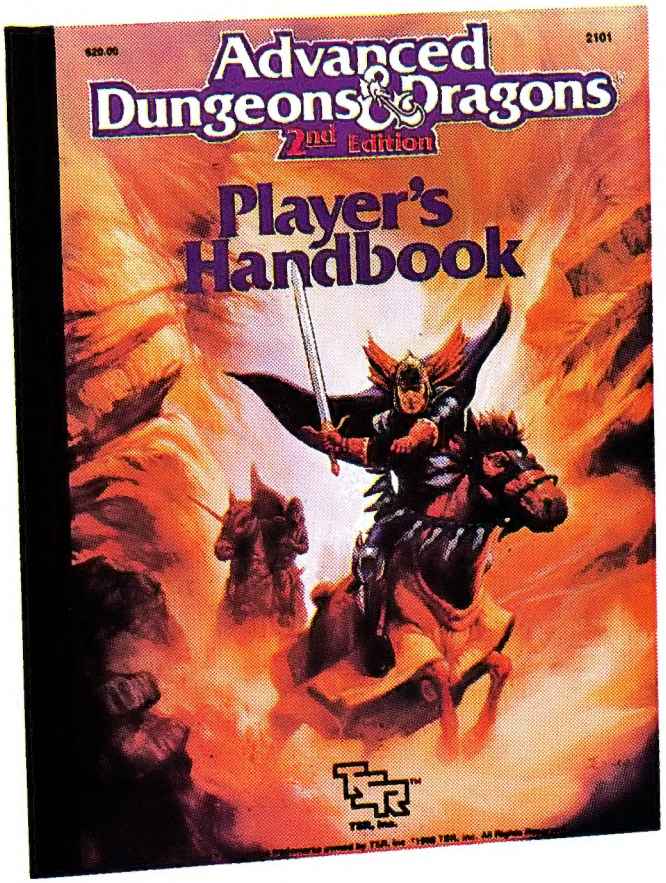

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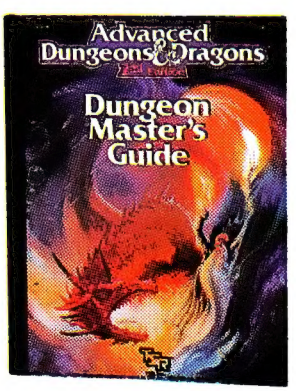

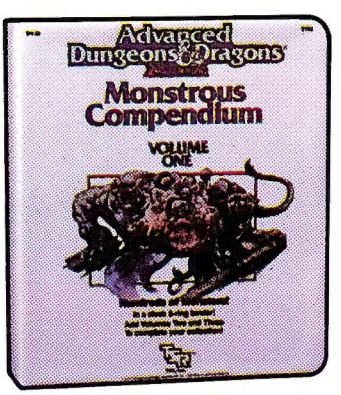

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